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North Korea

Developments

Inspectors Can Remain, Pyongyang Tells Carter;

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton said Thursday that a new North Korean offer

to resolve the crisis over its suspected nuclear weapons program "could be a promising devel-opment" and that the United States would

resume high-level talks if Pyongyang was now

ready to freeze the program.

Refearing to former President Jimmy Carter's talks Thursday in Pyongyang with the North Korean president, Kim II. Sung. Mr. Clinton said. Today there are reports that the

North Koreans in discussions with President Carter have offered new steps to allay the international community's concerns" about its

nuclear program.

Clarifications Sought

Promising'

Soccer's Grand Drama Will Open as a Mystery

The World Cup Begins Today in U.S. Before an Ambivalent Home Audience

By Ian Thomsen

CHICAGO — Six years ago, soccer rang up the United States out of the hiue and said, "We were thinking of coming for a visit."

"Well, that would be great," America said. An uncomfortable pause from the land of opportunity, then: "Who's coming?" Everybody," soccer said. "All of the rela-

"Fine, great," America said, mentally cal-culating the income its hospitality might earn. "Just let us know when you're coming

so we can be ready."
It seems now that neither side realized what it was getting into. Soccer goes on international holiday every four years — its convention is known as the World Cup finals — hut the sport has always visited familiar places, by invitation. Technically, the United States placed a bid to host the world's largest non-Olympic tournament; in reality, soccer has always wanted to come here, to become part of the American cultural landscape and to share in the riches.

So as the underdog Bolivians kick off Friday afternoon against the defending champion Germans in the quintessentially American stadium of the Chicago Bears, the 15th World Cup feels oddly foreign, like someone else's idea. The nine American venues are prepared to the extent of a major convention coming to town — the hotel rooms have been blocked off, the welcome signs are in place, the American football stadiums have been reconfigured to the specifications of their guests - and the public is largely ambivalent. According to a Harris poli conducted three weeks ago, 71 percent of Americans still don't realize the World Cup is in the United States, 62 percent don't know what it is and 56 percent aren't interested in watching any of the 52

matches on television. The United States is where many of the worlo's soccer superstars vacation in sum-

mer, walking the streets in hissful anonymity. No one expected Americans to suddenly rejoice in their presence. Nonetheless, in the last few days it has been bard to fathom that an hour-long opening ceremony and its en-suing match — worthy of 750 million view-ers worldwide, three times more than watch a Super Bowl - are scheduled to take place

One great emotional obstacle is the dis-persion of the tournament. Unlike the 1984 Olympics, which took over Los Angeles, the World Cup spans nine cities across 3,000 miles over 31 days — a period roughly twice as long as that of the Olympics. Then there is the uniquely American makeup of venues, such as Los Angeles, Dallas, Orlando and Detroit, cities whose centers are irrelevant. which do not have logical meeting points from which World Cup fervor might generate and spread forth. American communities are connected by the automobile and the television, and American interest in the World Cup ultimately will be gauged by TV ratings, which are expected to be modest.

American competition for the World Cup includes the basehall season, in which new stars are threatening the game's greatest records. Fans figure to care more about the National Basketball Association championship series, which should be completed next week, and even by something as hizarre as the double-murder involving the American football star, O.J. Simpson, a tragedy whose social and cultural implications are probahly far more engaging to Americans than this foreign visitation.

Soccer organizers hoping for a good start can only rejoice in the sudden career change of Michael Jordan. Were he still playing haskethall, then his Chicago Bulls surely would have taken the place of the New York Knicks in the current NBA title chase —and that would have left soccer feeling even more irrelevant in this city, on the eve of its

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And the Winner Will Be? The Pick Here Is Brazil

By Rob Hughes International Herald Tribune

CHiCAGO - Who will win the World Cup? Ask a simple questioo, and you iovite

I can give it to you straight. I can tell you from today. And old readers of this column will know that Hughes always says Brazil and, in five World Cups since 1970, has had to come up with excuses as to why the greatest soccer nation fell short of expecta-

As often as not the answer lay in a single word: Germany. We find it at Soldier Field, the evocatively named stadium here in Chicago where the Germans get to kick off Friday's opening game of the 15th World Cup by virtue of being, again, champions of the sport.

In essence, soccer has lent itself more over the past two decades to Teutonic thoroughness, to denying the opposition, to the phenomenal grinding willpower of the German style rather than to the beautiful game with which Brazil stole our hearts.

That, of course, is over simplified. Argentina and Italy, countries lacing art with cynicism, grace with destruction, have muscled in there, too. The Argentines have won in Latin climes, the Italians in Europe, and Germany has pounded away with a game high on order, high on good passing and running techniques, higher still on the belief that its sons are born to he soccer winners. Maybe it is a touch of the sun, maybe

Chicago in the high 90s is playing tricks with my judgment, but I don't rate Germany as the winner this time around. As I march with the throngs toward Soldier Field, toward a beautiful and evocative

stadium with its neoclassical colonnades rising 100 feet in monument to men sacrificed to old wars, I have a good feeling that soccer is going to recapture some of its faded joy at this World Cup.

I know that is a lonesome view. I know

history mocks me. I know Brazil is an old flame that flatters to deceive. And I know those Germans keep on coming, keep on

working, keep prevailing to the end.

But this time I am right. As long as soccer is a game, as well as a global, hillion-dollar industry, I will see the boys in yellow outplay the troops in black and white. If Brazil



Brazil's Paulo Sergio, front, and Marcio Santos stretching before a practice at their camp in Santa Clara, California.

and Germany cross paths during this 52match World Cup, I already know that Romario will show the hall to Lothar Matthaus, will flick it over Matthaus's head, and will score like the irreverent magician I be-

And then we awake. Then reality crowds in. Then we have to accept that on virgin American territory just as everywhere else



GERMAN-ITALIAN BONDS — Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy being welcomed to Bonn on Thursday by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, with military honors. Mr. Kohl made no public criticism of Mr. Berlusconi's having neofascists in his cabinet. Page 2.

The Bundesbank Paints a Bright Picture Eye on Inflation, It Bars Cuts in Key Rates for 'Some Time'

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - The Bundeshank, in a decidedly upbeat assessment declared Thursday that Germany's economic recovery was strengthening. At the same time, the German central bank sought to quell inflation fears that have been troubling financial markets.

But the Bundesbank also unsettled the German government bond market because it indicated in its June monthly report that there would be no further cuts "for some time" io either the discount rate or the Lombard rate. two key interest rates.

The last cut in these rates, a half-point, came in mid-May. The statement on Thursday was believed to mean there will be no more cuts until at least July 21, when the Bundesbank council meets for the last time before its tradi-

Analysts said the remarks about interest rates fueled speculation that after 23 months of gradual rate reductions the Bundesbank might be preparing to put its monetary policy on hold. Fears of rising inflation, meanwhile, rolled through Europe's financial markets once agaio

on Thursday, briefly propelling the dollar to a risks of inflationary tensions."

bonds. (Page 11)

In Paris, the Bank of France lowered its intervention rate, the leading interest rate, from 5.30 percent to 5.20 percent. This put the rate, which acts as a floor on short-term money market rates, just 0.15 percent higher than the quivalent German repo rate.

The cut should have been good news for the French bond market, especially as it was accompanied by figures showing that the French economy grew by 0.5 percent in the first quarter. The growth rate was weak, but it represented the largest quarterly increase in two years, and Edmond Alphandery, the economics minister, contended that the pace of France's recov-

ery would soon accelerate.
The Freoch bond market nooetheless slumped again Thursday, and long-term interest rates rose as a result.

Senior European economic policymakers have become worried lately that inflation fears in the bond market have contributed to the soaring level of long-term interest rates, thus posing a potential threat to Europe's recovery. Mr. Alphandery said Thursday that "the real economy is performing well, and there are no

of around 2 percent for this year, which was "significantly lower" than in 1993. The report said recessionary tendencies in the West German economy "appear to have

The Bundesbank report also contamed lan-

guage aimed at persuading markets that infla-tion was not a problem.

It noted that pressure on consumer prices had "weakened significantly" and explained that the recent rise in dollar-denominated com-

modity prices bad been counterbalanced by the strengthening of the Dentsche mark against the

Another factor contributing to the low infla-

tion outlook in Germany was the moderate size of wage increases negotiated during the 1994 wage round, the Bundesbank added. It said

most industrial sectors had approved increases

been overcome" while in eastern regions "the economic uptrend clearly continued in the first few months of this year."

Data from the Federal Statistics Office showed a 2.1 percent growth rate in West Germany in the first quarter, but the consensus forecast among private sector economists for German economic growth in 1994 is 1.5 per-

France is ready to join European and

African nations in a "humanitarian" mili-tary intervention if a planned United Na-

tions force does not arrive there soon. The

foreign minister, Alain Juppe, said any intervention would be limited in time and

aimed protecting civilians threatened with extermination. "We cannot go in alone." Mr. Juppé said. He suggested that the Western European Union could act under

To Punish Beijing

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - With the

slation to link burnan rights conditions

support of Democratic majority leaders,

to China's trade status with the United States was introduced in Congress on

Thursday. The bill would revoke preferential import tariffs for products made or exported by the People's Liberation Army

and products of certain state-owned enter-

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a United Nations mandate. (Page 4).

Move in Congress

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Kiosk **Blood Hormone Discovery** France Proposes **Seen Aiding Cancer Patients** A Rwanda Force

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

NEW YORK — An important blood-forming bormone that had eluded discovery for 35 years has been isolated after a heated race among several biotechnology companies.

The finding is expected to be of direct clinical benefit for cancer patients and to create a market of a hillion dollars a year for the company that wins the patent for making the substance. A further consequence is that with the new hormone all major components of blood can now be manipulated, with far-reaching implications for medicine.

The new hormone, called thrombopoietin, induces immature bone marrow cells to develop into platelets, the disk-shaped cells that help blood clot. An obvious clinical use is to help cancer patients regrow their own platelets after radiation or chemotherapy, which destroy them. At present platelets are restored by transfusions, requiring large numbers of donors.

Scientists have searched for a platelet-forming hormone for many years, yet the pursuit was so unavailing that many despaired and some even began to doubt that it existed at all. gram per day can turn a person's bone marrow into a platelet producing factory. In four articles published Wednesday in the

British journal Nature, researchers describe how they isolated thrombopoietin and established its role in stimulating platelets. Although clinical trials must be conducted to prove that the hormone works as expected in patients, researchers are highly confident that it will. The companies that won the thrombopoietin race are Genentech in South San Francisco, California, and the ZymoGenetics Corp. of Scattle. The companies used different methods to isolate the hormone.

Hematologists were elated. "This is big, big," said Dr. David Golde, head of hematologie oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Dr. Jerome Groopman, chief of hematology at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston, said.

This really qualifies, I think, as being a break-

The final stretch of the race to find thrombopoietin began with a finding two years ago by Dr. Françoise Wendling of the Institut Gustave Ronssy in Villejuif, France, near Paris. She discovered a new receptor protein embedded in the outer membrane of a cell waiting for some outside signal like a hormone to which the cell

But Mr. Clinton appeared skeptical about assurances made by Mr. Kim during the talks with Mr. Carter. "It depends on what the Koreans meant by what they actually said today." Mr. Clinton said.

"If today's developments mean North Korea is genuinely and verifiably prepared to freeze its nuclear program while talks go on," he said, "then we would be willing to resume high-level "Our nation clearly has vital interests on the Korean Peninsula," Mr. Clinton said, adding that the U.S. commitment to South Korea was

Mr. Clinton's comments came hours after

Mr. Carter reported an apparent concession from Mr. Kim made during a meeting in

Pyongyang.
Shortly before Mr. Clinton made his comments, Assistant Secretary of State Robert L.
Gallboor said. The United States welcomes indications given to President Carter that North Korea desires to find a constructive solution to the very serious issues between North Korea and the international communi-

Mr. Gallucci, who acts as the administration's coordinator for policy on Korea, said there would be adequate basis to resume the negotiations that Mr. Kim wants provided the North Koreans are ready to take particular steps. Mr. Galluca said these were, the suspension of reprocessing of nuclear fuel, the suspen-sion of refueling of Pyongyang's nuclear reactor, and maintaining the continuity of

inspection safeguards. It's fair to say we looked at the message. We see possibly some new elements in the message. We will be exploring the meaning of the mes-sage through diplomatic channels," Mr. Gallucci said

Mr. Carter said earlier Thursday that North Korea had agreed to allow United Nations

inspectors to remain at a disputed nuclear in-stallation that U.S. intelligence believes may be part of an illicit weapons program.

Mr. Carter, who has been in North Korea for meetings with Mr. Kim and other leaders, said

in an interview with CNN, "I look on this commitment of President Kim II Song as being a very important and positive step toward the resolution of this crisis." North Korea's refusal to permit outside in-

spection of its nuclear installations has resulted in an international deadlock in which the United States is asking the UN Security Council to impose sanctions, something North Korea has

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Beijing Feeling Pressure Over Sanctions Issue

By Lena H. Sun ington Post Service

BELING — As international pressure mounts for sanctions to punish North Korea over its disputed nuclear program, China, North Korea's sole remaining Communist ally and main economic partner, finds itself increasingly in the hot seat.

Beijing wants stability on the Korean Peninsula so it can continue with its economic development program. But China does not want to take any measures that would lead to the col-lapse of the beleaguered hard-line regime of President Kim II Sung of North Korea, analysts say. Beijing fears turmoil on its borders if sanctions provoke a flood of North Korean

refugees.
China in principle does not subscribe to the involvement of the Security Council in the leaves of the security council or the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula or the resort to sanctions to solve it," Shen Guofang, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said Thursday.
"It is our hope that the parties will choose not to talk about war but ways to resolve the dispute and relax tensions."

But Mr. Shen declined to say whether China would use its veto in the United Nations Securi-

would use its veto in the United Nations Security Council to block any sanctions.

In Moscow on Thursday, the Russian government reacted coolly to an American proposal for sanctions against North Korea unveiled this week. But the Russians did not oppose sanctions outright, nor did they criticize the content of the U.S. proposal, which would impose an arms embargo on North Korea in the impose an arms controlled to the cores in the first stage, with the possibility of financial and broader trade sanctions later if the Communist government refused to cooperate with international nuclear inspectors.

North Kores withdrew from the International Atomic Energy Agency on Monday after months of denying the agency's inspectors unfettered access to the country's nuclear sites. The Clinton administration decided to draft the

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The reason for its elusiveness is now clear: See PICK, Page 23 The hormone is naturally present in such minuscule amounts that a mere millionth of a See BLOOD, Page 4

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What Makes America Great? Not What You Think

By Martha M. Hamilton

Washington Post Server
WASHINGTON — Imagine a deserted Washington, where Capitol Hill and expense-account restaurants and movie theaters shut down for months at a time.

Imagine Florida without Disney World, Houston and Atlanta without office towers, shopping without enclosed mails, sports without domed stadiums and a world without comput-

Imagine life without air conditioning. The question arises now, in late spring, because the heat of summer is already upon us. Temperatures were well into the 90s Fahrenheit (mid-30s centigrade) on Wednesday in much of the eastern half of the United States, setting records in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington and Green Bay.

So air conditioning. It is a mixed olessing, responsible for indoor atriums, summer blockbuster movies, nearly year-round sessions of Congress and record consumption of electricity.

It has redrawn the map of commerce by opening bot, humad frontiers to business development, and has allowed the contamication-free manufacture of such products as computers

l: has changed commercial architecture, increased worker productivity and created its own large industry.

Air conditioning is "the most profound technology advance of the 20th century," said Richard Cebula, an economist at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Without it, Florida and Texas would be sparsely populated compared with their density today, be said. In the 1960s, the net population loss that had been a constant in the South since the Civil War was reversed.

in the 1970s. Florida's population grew 44 percent and that of Texas grew 27 percent. In the 1980s, Florida experienced an additional 33 percent population increase, and Texas grew

Once air conditioning made living in Southern and South-western states tolerable, both individuals and business came

crowding in, attracted by a lower cost of living, lower taxes and lower operating costs, Mr. Cebula said.

"I don't know of anything more significant in terms of building Dallas as a great business center, Houston as an oil and gas center, Austin as a high-tech center and San Antonio as a manufacturing center than air conditioning," said Ben Barnes, a former lieutenant governor of Texas, where the blastfurnace force of the summer heat is hard to describe to those who have not experienced it.

In addition to changing migration patierns in the United States, air conditioning has been important in the creation of some industries. The manufacture of computers, for instance, depends on clean, climate-controlled rooms.

IBM strives to keep rooms where it manufactures semiconductors at a steady 72 degrees and 35 percent humidity because changes in the temperature or the humidity "could impact the quality of the semiconductor," said Jim Smith, a spokesman for

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Breathing Space for Major Labor's Leadership Battle May Be Divisive

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Se

LONDON — For months, the biggest question in British politics has been whether Prime Minister John Major will survive as leader of the Conservative Party, which has been racked by squabbling over its plummeting popularity and rifts over European policy.

Now the Labor Party opposition, with the death last Thursday of its leader. John Smith, is facing a potentially divisive dehate of its own. In the next few weeks, the party must negotiate the politically perilous task of choosing a new chief.

Since Mr. Smith had taken over as leader two years ago, after the party's fourth consecutive defeat in a national election, he had amiably united Labor's quarrelsome factions and restored the party machine to fighting trim, precisely when the Conservatives have been floundering.

Earlier this month, Labor battered the governing Tories in town and county elections, and polls predict even bigger Labor victories in voting next month for the European Parliament.

Last weekend, amid pleas for unity and a suspension of campaigning until Mr. Smith's funeral this Friday. Labor rivals were quietly lining up support within the party. Its rank and file are divided between the old-style trade unionists and the so-called modernists who want to nudge the party more toward the political center.

Surveys of party members in London newspapers suggested that the strongest support was building for Tony Blair, the party's telegenic 41-year-old spokesman on domestic affairs.

Because of his youthful appeal and a willingness to address traditional Conservative issues like law and order, Mr. Blair is described by his supporters as an even more formidable challenger than Mr Smith would have been especially in areas of southern England where Labor bas been shut out

in the last four national ballots, The Daily Telegraph, a newspaper that tradi-tionally backs Torv candidates, called Mr. Blair

"the man Conservatives most fear as a future leader of the Labor Party."

But Bill Connor, an official of the shopworkers' union and a member of the party's executive com-mittee, said he was skeptical of Mr. Blair's commitment toward trade unions, whose membership still makes up the bulk of the party's hard-core political and financial support.

Mr. Blair and Gordon Brown, 43, a former television journalist who is a close friend of Mr. Blair's, are the preferred choices of the party's more moderate wing. On the left, the candidates most often mentioned are John Prescott, 55, a political brawler and former union official: Robin Cook, 48, the party spokesman on trade and industry, and Margaret Beckett, 55, who was Mr. Smith's deputy.

Under new rules that Mr. Smith helped engineer last year to break the bold of block voting by trade unions, the new leader will be selected by an electoral college. One-third of the delegates will be chosen by a ballot of Britain's 4.5 million trade unionists, one-third hy a vote of Labor members of Parliament, and one-third by the party's 250,000

There is wide agreement that Labor's loss of Mr. Smith may have given Mr. Major some hreathing space. Lord Howe, a former member of Margaret Thatcher's cabinet, said a Labor leadership contest would afford "a respite from the rather frenzied discussions" over dumping Mr. Major.

The death of Mr. Smith, felled at 55 by his second heart attack in six years, may have helped Mr. Major in another way: hy casting doubt on the fitness of Michael Heseltine, 61, often cited as his chief Conservative challenger.

Mr. Heseltine, six years older than Mr. Smith, has only recently recovered from a heart attack he suffered last year. A member of Mr. Major's cabinet, Mr. Heseltine sought to allay doubts, telling an interviewer, "I would question any suggestion that I am not 100 percent fit."



Tony Blair, the British Labor Party's front-runner, leaving his London home on Monday.

In Break With Past, Some London Bobbies Will Carry Guns

LONDON - Scotland Yard rewrote rules on Monday that have traditionally barred police officers from openly carrying guns, and for the first time will send a few had a much larger symbolic importance, as dozen specially trained bobbies into the one more step toward providing bobbies streets this summer, wearing sidearms in

The change in the arming policy—provoked by a growing number of violent assaults on police officers—will go unnouted by most residents and visitors to the superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department of Loodon, at a

All but a handful of London's uniformed hobbies will continue to walk their beats and ride patrols cars without weapons, as they have done since the London

After having had two officers killed in

By Stephen Kinzer

New York Times Service BERLIN - Facing sharp critt-

cism from politicians and human-

rights leaders, policemen in the

East German city of Magdehurg

brought charges Monday against a teenager suspected of being the

ringleader of a riot against foreign-

Magdehurg's chief prosecutor,

Rudolf Jaspers, said the suspect

to be the leader of a local neo-Nazi

group with about 80 members. He

ers there last week.

police force was established more than a century ago.

But while the new policy affects only a

few patrol officers, police officials said it with the kinds of weapons they need to

news conference.
"But we bave to police the real world.

ome link with the real world. In addition to allowing a bandful of selves belter armed.

After having had two officers killed in officers to carry sidearms while on duty, The new gun police.

serious case of disturbing the tried to defend the asylum-seekers. peace." Mr. Jaspers said.

After the clash, anti-foreigner

stahbed, Mr. Condon said, "I am not prepared to to ask them to carry out their job

without better protection." The change in policy was endorsed by government, which announced the new measures earlier Monday as a "measured response" to the problems facing the po-

But while the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, said the move was "an important step in providing the police with better otection," he also said he believed most British police would remain unarmed for

"a long, long time to come."

recent months, two others shot and several Mr. Condon also authorized police officers are described as "armed response vehito carry 22-inch-long, nylon not sticks rou- eles," in which officers who are specially

> now are the standard issue. would test the use of pepper-gas sprays, as patrols to 12 by the summer, n way "to disorient" violent subjects, and At present, the weapons are carried in-

stab-resistant vests. pressure from police organizations to allow officer. officers to carry better weapons to defeod

people is scandalous."

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel

"deeply deplores" the Magdeburg

violence and added, "We now have

Monday to show solidarity with

teams filmed both marches, saying

Several hundred people marched

"It is horrible, and it is difficult Jewish organization, Ignatz Bobis.

for any of us to accept," President told a Cologne newspaper, "The Richard von Weizsäcker said in a failure of the police to protect these

we see from television pictures, said Sunday that the government

arrested, but that same night through the streets of Magdeburg they're all released," he said. "Are Monday to show solidarity with

breaking windows and attacking new grounds for shame, people, and then 50 or more are Several hundred people

trained in firearms use are now assigned Wooden nightsticks 12 to 14 inches long Currently, there are five such cars on patrol in London at any one time; Mr. Condon He also said Loodon police officers said he would increase the number of these

would conduct trials on the feasibility of side a locked metal box in the vehicle, and equipping all beat officers with bullet- and are only taken out by the officers when they arrive on the scene of an incident, and The measures are a result of growing only with the authorization of a senior

Under the new policy, the police officers themselves against criminals who are themselves better armed.

The new gun policy applies only to what

will routinely earry six-shot, Smith & Wesselves better armed.

Model 10 revolvers in hip hoisters.

WILLIAM E. SCHMIDT

Go-Ahead On Pill for

Abortions

WASHINGTON - The French abortion pill RU-486 will be tested in the United States under an agreement with the manufacturer to donate its patent rights to a U.S.

nonprofit organization, it was announced Monday. Roussel Uclaf, which has refused to allow the pill to be used in the United States because of concern about protests by abortion opponents, said it had agreed to donate patent rights to the Population

"After long negoriations with the Population Council, Roussel Uclaf has agreed to the above solution, which eliminates its involvement in the manufacture and distribution of RU-486 in the United States," the company said.

Council

Representative Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat who has been working for testing of RU-486 in the United States. said that the pill would be test-ed on about 2,000 women for several months beginning this

The tests will allow the Food and Drug Administra-tion to determine whether the pill is safe for general use. He said the pill would be used only up to the seventh

week of pregnancy.

The secretary of health and numan services; Donna E. Shalala, said the agreement had been reached with the encouragement of the Clinton nistration.

"This action is an important step toward providing the women of America access to nonsurgical alternatives to ncy termination," she

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WORLD BRIEFS

Food Aid Reaches Rwanda Refugees

NAIROBI (Reuters) — The first food aid in weeks reached a stadium on Monday where thousands of civilians are trapped in Rwanda bloodbath A spokensor of the Red bloodbath. A spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross said one truck carrying 12 tons of porridge made it through to the town of Gitarama, headquarters of a rump government, southwest of the ghostlike capital Kiosti

down or Citarama, headquanters of a rump government. The Red ghostlike capital Kigali.

Another truck is planned so make the same trip on Tuesday. The Red Cross spokeswoman said a surgical team also made it from neighboring. Burundi to Kabgayi, southwest of the capital.

Burundi to Kabgayi, majuly from the minority Tutsi clan. were Refugees in Kabgayi, majuly from the minority Tutsi clan. were reported eking out an existen le in subhuman conditions. Refugees said that they were virtually being kept prisoner by government troops and that they were repeatedly nucled out of the compound and butchered that people were repeatedly puried out of the compound and butchered by death squads from the major. By Hutu tribe.

Cease-Fire in Nagorno-Karabakh

Moscow (AFP).—The defense refinisters of Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed Monday to a cease-fire in Nagorno-Karabakh, signing a preliminary accord in Moscow for the deple syment of peacekeepers in the disputed enclave, the Interfax agency said.

The warring parties meeting under Ruit sain mediation with the enclave's separatist Armenian authorities, age reed to a total cease-fire to come into effect at midnight Tuesday, the agency said.

The parties also signed a preliminary accords for the creation within the conflict zone, as of May 24, of 49 observer posts to be manned by conflict zone, as of May 24, of 49 observer posts to be manned by conflict zone, as of May 24, of 49 observer mosts to be manned by conflict zone, as of May 24, of 49 observer mosts to be manned by conflict zone, as of may 24, of 49 observer mosts to be manned by conflict zone, as of manned by Russian, Armenian, Azerbaijani and other Come monwealth of Independent States troops and commanded by Russians. The accord, which is lot be formalized Tuesday, also provides for the subsequent deployment in the enclave of a 1,800-strong peace force of commonwealth stodiers.

Haiti Military Regime Expands Coup

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's army-backed president seized the post of prime minister on Monday, hours after the caretaker prime minister, Robert Malval, demanded that state workers disregard all orders from the army or its new civilian figurehead. The developments increased political tension in Haiti, where real

of the developments increased political tension in Haiti, where real power has come from the military since the overthrow of the elected president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in 1991.

The army's surrogate, Emile Jonassaint, 81, announced that he would serve both as provisional president and as prime minister, violating a central provision of the Haitian Constitution, which separates the heads of state and government. He made the decision by decree. His statement, which listed his cabinet selections, was broadcast on army-controlled state news media.

Jakarta Warns Manila on East Timor

JAKARTA (AP) - Indonesia's foreign minister, expressing hope for cancellation of a conference in Manila on East Timor, has warned the Philippines not to underestimate his nation's depth of feeling on the issue.

Foreign Minister Ali Alatas spoke at a news conference Monday after meeting with a special envoy sent by President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines in an attempt to mollify Indonesian leaders, who have complained that, the planned conference interferes in their country's

Indonesia annexed the Portuguese colony of East Timor in 1976 and considers it its 27th province. A Timorese resistance movement is fighting for its independence. Although the United Nations still recognizes Portugal as East Timor's administering power. Indonesia says East Timor's people have decided in favor of integration with Indonesia.

Cost of Chernobyl Closure Is Raised

KIEV (AP) — Ukrainian officials said Monday that it would cost from 56 billion to \$8 billion to close the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, twice their estimate earlier this month.

The officials gave the revised figures at Kiev's Borispol airport, upon return from the United States, where they discussed nuclear arms agreements and conversion projects. The United States and the European Union are calling for the closure of the Chernobyl plant because of safety concerns. Ukraine has said it cannot afford to shut it down.

Deputy Prime Minister Valeri Shmarov said five reactors would have to be built to replace the plant, at a cost of \$1.5 billion. He said \$2.5 billion would be needed for safety measures at Chernobyl, and more than \$2 billion to update Ukraine's non-nuclear power sector over the next

Chinese Arrest 3 Labor Organizers

BEIJING (AP) - The police have arrested three men who were trying to organize workers in the sweatshop factories of southern China, a Chinese source said Monday. The arrests were the latest move in a government effort to prevent independent action among workers unhap-

py over soaring prices and the erosion of job security.

By June 3, President Bill Clinton must decide whether to renew China's low-tariff trade status. Mr. Clinton has said renewal of most-favorednation status depends on whether China has improved its human-rights

The Chinese source said the three men were trying to organize an the border from Hong Kong. They had put out two issues of a mimeographed underground newsletter that aired worker complaints over low pay, forced overtime and imsafe work conditions, and informed workers about laws and regulations protecting their interests.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Greek Air Controllers Plan Strike

ATHENS (AP) - Air-traffic controllers in Greek airports announced a 48-hour strike beginning Tuesday that would create chaos for thou-sands of lans arriving for the European Champions Cup soccer final on

Wednesday night.

Dimitris Petrissis, an official of the civil aviation union, said Monday that about 300 flights were scheduled to arrive late Monday through Wednesday with Italian and Spanish fans for the AC Milan-Barcelona

Mr. Petrissis said the strike was called to protest legislation before Parliament that would put civil aviation employees under the control of local governors. He said traffic controllers wanted to "remain under the jurisdiction of the ministry of communication."

France's airline industry faced new troubles Tuesday in a 24-hour strike by Air Inter. The strike arises from the same cause that set Paris and London at loggerheads over landing rights last week: French government efforts to protect money-losing Air France. It took control of 72 percent of Air Inter in 1990 under a pact that forces the company to serve supportiable internal routes and bars it from Air France's lucrative external routes. Meanwhile, Air Liberté said Thesday that it would complain to the European Commission about problems in obtaining access to Heathrow airport (Page 11).

The main pilots' union in Moscow has called on Russia's 40,000 pilots to go on strike starting Wednesday to protest falling safety standards and poor retirement benefits, the union's leader said Monday. (AFP)

Various plans to build a Berlin-Brandenburg International Airport to open in 2004 were unveiled Wednesday for public comment. Tegel is stretched close to its limit, Tempelhof is used for short flights, and Schoenefeld, in what was East Berlin, has poor road connections. (4P) Iran Air inaugurated a weekly flight to Alma-Ata in Kazai.

Monday, the official press agency IRNA said.

The world's biggest reclining Buddha will be officially in Wednesday on a hill in Sanshui city, 40 kilometers (25 mil Guangzhou, China. The statue is 16 meters (51 feet) high an (352 feet) long.

The head of Germany's principal that they feared violence. Roy Plunkett, Teflon Inventor, Dies at 83

Roy J. Plunkett. 83, the scientist whose accidental invention of Teflon 50 years ago not only changed



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Mr. Jaspers declined to identify the

suspect. He said investigators

hoped to bring charges against oth-

On Thursday, a gang of about 150 neo-Nazis, skinheads and other

thugs chased asylum-seekers, most

of them from Sierra Leone and Ni-

geria, through the streets and into a

four assailants were stabbed by

is being charged with "an especially Turkish-born cafe employees who

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of cancer in Corpus Christi, Texas. into application in 1938, Mr. Plunkett was a lieved possible, young research chemist in a Du Pont Co. laboratory in Deepwater. ment on a possible new refrigerant when he discovered that he had created a new product.

Mr. Pluokett recalled later that he was looking disappointedly at a glob of white, waxy material inside a laboratory cylinder, thinking the experiment a failure, when he decideo to lest the material for properties other than refrigeration. He found it to be resistant to heat to be chemically inert and, better yet, to have very low surface friction, so

it would not stick to anything. Teffon, the trade name for the polytetrafluoroethylene resin, was to become a household name in cooking pans, and three-quarters of the pots and pans sold in the United States are now coated with Teflon or one of its cousins.

Mr. Plunkett was awarded a patent in 1941 for his invention.

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the way Americans cook but also helped develop a multihillion-dol-lar plastics industry, died Thursday by moving such synthetic materials

Erwin Glikes, 56, Publisher New Jersey, conducting an experi- Of Nonfiction for 25 Years NEW YORK (NYT) — Erwin A. Glikes, 56, a leading publisher of

German Youth Charged With Leading Anti-Foreigner Riot

After the clash, anti-foreigner gangs roamed the streets for bours

in search of victims, and there were

several assaults. The police arrested 49 suspects bot quickly released all

except one man, who was being

sought on an unrelated charge. They said they could not identify

any of the 49 as having been re-

Several prominent Germans

to film it and for quickly releasing again?

sponsible for specific crimes.

nonfiction books for a quarter-cenof the most prestigious figures in American intellectual life, died Friday night of a heart attack.

into applications never before be-

Since 1969, when he left a post as associate dean of Columbia College, Mr. Glikes, who worked at three different publishing companies over the years, gained a reputation for a rare talent in contemporary publishing: making books oo public policy, history and

He was the president and pub-lisher of Basie Books for seven years in the mid-1970s, the publisher of the trade division at Simon & Schuster and, since 1983, the president and publisher of The Free

After the sale of Macmillan Publishing Co., the parent of The Free Press, to Paramount Communica-

tions, Mr. Glikes had begun work-ing only a few weeks ago at Pen-guin U.S.A., where he was to be in charge of a new nonfiction division. True North Publishing.

broadcast interview.

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hoodlums or right-wing extremists

can charge through the streets

preventing the violence, for failing night and do the same thing since Thursday. Police camera

Among the authors published by Mr. Glikes were George Will, Judge Robert Bork and Michael Porter, whose "Competitive Advantage of Nations" was among his early successes. Elias Motsoaledi, 70, a longtime

African National Congress activist who was imprisoned by the South African government along with decades, died Tuesday in Johan-

Sheikh Mohammed Mekki Naciri, 88, a Moroccan nationalist party leader, former cabinet minis-ter and leading Muslim scholar, has

Helen Lee Mei. 63, who starred in Hong Kong-made films in the 1950s and '60s, died of cancer

Thursday in Portland, Oregon. Timothy Carey, 65, a character actor who played in more than 50 films, ranging from "Paths of Chory" and "One-Eyed Jacks" to 1960s seach movies, and who often took the part of a villain, died Wednesday in Los Angeles after sulfering a

Czech Republicati

Residential Zone In Tuzla Is Hit By Heavy Shells

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina Two heavy artillery shells hit a residential area of the mainly Muslim iodustrial town of Tuzla on Mouday, causing panic, witnesses said. It was the third consecutive day the northeastern Bosnian town had been shelled. The shells appear to have come from Serhian positions

about 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) to the northeast. Nelson Mandela for more than two killed and four were injured during On Wednesday two persons were shelling, prompting local authorities to close schools.

Earlier, officials of the UN force said in Sarajevo that three pieces of heavy weaponry bad been sighted in a Serbian-controlled oeighborhood in central Sarajevo. The presence of the weapons - two mortar would violate the 20-kilometer exclusion zooe imposed by the UN.

In Belgrade, a Russian special envoy. Vitali I. Churkin, emerged from a meeting with Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, to say that he would "very soon" reccommend to UN officials a meeting of the warring parties to negotiate an end to the lighting.

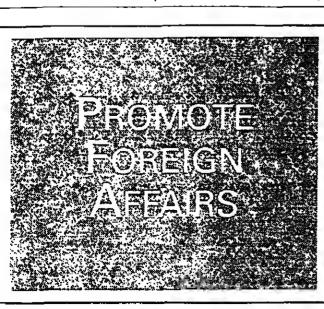
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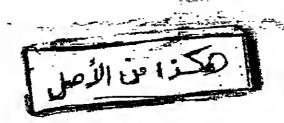
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The U.S. Diplomatic Shake-Up Puts the Whole Team on Edge

Foreign-Policy Aides Wondering Who's Next

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New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The French
are reacting with characteristic
sangiroid, the Germans with apprehension. And the Italians, in the press at least, are wondering whether it is happening because the Clinton administration failed to anticipate the strong showing of neofascists in Italy's elections.

The decision to replace Jennone Walker, the White House specialist on Europe, and Stephen A. Oxman, the assistant secretary of state in charge of Europe, also has diplomats and bureaucrats asking wbo's

The question is relevant because of persistent rumors that President Bill Clinton, despite his denials, has been thinking of trying to improve his foreign-policy performance by replacing Secretary of State War-ren M. Christopher, or the national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, or both of them, after the November elections.

Mr. Christopher and Mr. Lake have responded to criticism by shaking up their own departments. cally untouchable. made no secret of his desire to replace Ms. Walker. And at the

Since last fall, Mr. Lake has State Department, Mr. Christopher ernment who contended that Mr. tion.

Oxman was intelligent but miscast as assistant secretary of state in charge of Europe.

It was not that Ms. Walker or Mr. Ozman made terrible policy errors, senior officials said. Both were well liked, but just not hardedged enough, they said.

At the White House, the shift was executed smoothly. Ms. Walker was offered a plum ambassador-ship in the former Czech Republic before she was relieved of her du-ties. That way, the White House could deny that she was being nudged out.

But it is harder to keep secrets at the State Department. Some officials knew months ago that Mr. Oxman's dismissal was only a matter of time. He was formally told only last week and now is said to be considering several ambassadorships in Europe.

The decision has touched off even more panic than usual within the State Department since Mr. Oxman, a friend of Mr. Clinton from Yale Law School and Oxford University, was regarded as politi-

Moreover, Mr. Oxman had de-

thinking goes, who is safe?
"We can think this is only part of

a reshuffling of the entire system that could go all the way up in the secretary of state," a senior European diplomat wrote in an analysis for his foreign ministry. "This is not the final change."

A senior French official said. This administration isn't working so well, so we see that a game is continuing to go on in see who will end up with the losing card."

Mr. Oxman will be replaced by Richard C. Holbrooke, now am-bassadnr to Germany. A former career officer in the Foreign Service and assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs in the Carter administration, Mr. Holbrooke is widely regarded as a bureaucratic black belt with decades-long connections to other officials in the Clinton administra-

Working from Bonn, he is said to be better informed about the inner workings of Washington than most fellow ambassadors, keeping up to date by making calls after mid-

a German government official said.



HIS BLUE HEAVEN - Bill Monroe playing the mandolin in his cabin in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. Debts forced Mr. Monroe, 82, regarded as the originator of bluegrass music, to put the home up for sale. But the owner of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, where Mr. Mouroe has performed for 55 years, bought the property and allowed him to use it for the rest of his life.

veloped a close relationship with But he has been ambassador to Germany for only eight months, and his departure is said to have set Mr. Christopher when he served as his executive assistant when Mr. finally succumbed to the advice of Christopher was deputy secretary the Germans' teeth on edge. those inside and outside the gov- of state in the Carter administra-"Let's just say there are regrets."

Police Await DNA Test in Simpson Case

By Jim Newton and Josh Meyer Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES -- The blood type of samples recovered at the scene of a brutal double slaying match that of O. J. Sumpson's blood, a potentially important piece of evidence in the investigation of the killings of his former wife and a man she knew, according to Los Angeles

The former football star's blood type is dif-ferent from those of the two victims. Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman, a

Even rare blood types are shared by many people. A more exact test to determine whether the DNA in the blood sample matches Mr. Simpson's has not yet been concluded, sources

On Thursday, Mr. Simpson attended a private funeral service for his former wife. With him were the Simpsons' daughter, Sydney. 9, and their 6-year-old son, Justin, Afterward, they joined a procession to the cemetery where Mrs. Simpson was huried,

Although sources have said Mr. Simpson is the main suspect in the investigation, the Los Angeles Police Department has declined to confirm those reports, and Mr. Simpson has not been arrested or charged with any crime.

New details emerged about a matching pair of gloves. According to police sources, investi-gators found two work gloves, one at the scene of the crime and the other outside Mr. Simpson's Brentwood mansion. Both had blood on According to one source, the glove at Mr.

Simpson's home was found outside a side entrance near a trail of blood drippings. "That would be inconsistent with what I was told," said Howaro Weitzman, who quit as Mr.

Simpson's lawyer, but remains an adviser, "Beyoud that, I have no comment." Sources said Mr. Goldman's wounds indicat-

ed that be fought fiercely when attacked, and they said Mr. Simpson was scratched and cut when the police interviewed him several hours after the crime.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Simpson went to the O'Connor Laguna Hills Mortuary. where his former wife's body was being pre-

N.Y. Mayor is Most inscrutable

NEW YORK - Maybe it was the mind-numbing heat that had Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani briefly thinking the emperor and empress of Japan were from falv.

You are among friends in New York City and in America." the mayor told Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko as he toasted them during a dinner at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"The friendship between Italy "Mr. Giuliani started to say as the audience laughed, "Italy? Japan and the United States," he continued, "is a strong and a very deep one, and one that you will enhance by your visit throughout the United

Then Mr. Gadiani uttered something in Japanese that left Akihito looking puzzled. Members of the emperor's entourage said they could not understand what the mayor had said.

Governor Mario M. Cuomo said Japan and the United States were "two great peoples." "We wish the best that can be wished for be-

ween inends. hegeled. Earlier, the mayor and his wife, Donna Hano-

ver Giuliani, met the emperor and empress in the presidential suite of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Giuliani profusel; apologized for how the hazy heat had obserted the city's famous skyline after the royal couple landed Wednesday as part of their 16-day U.S. tour The visit is described by Japanese officials as intended to promote goodwill between two countries whose economic partnership is strained by trade disputes.

Bid to Regulate Tobacco Fades

WASHINGTON - In a setback for advocates of tobacco restrictions, the House Rules Committee rejected a plan for a fast-track vote on authorizing the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco products without banning their use,

The panel refused Wednesday to allow a waiver that would have permitted the regulatory proposal to be offered this week as an amendment to a hill Agriculture. This means that the proposal to regulate tobacco is probably dead for this year and will have to wait until the next Congress convenes in

A Workfare Test Went So-So

SAN FRANCISCO - An experimental California program to get people off welfare and working has succeeded in getting no more than half the participants in any one county off the rofts after two years, a study found.

Many participants have been unable to find jobs, or jobs that pay well enough to take them entirely off public assistance.

President Clinton unveiled a similar, \$9.3 billion welfare reform plan on Tuesday.

Under the statewide pilot program GAIN, or Greater Avenues for Independence, adopted in 1988, some recipients of the federal-state Aid to Families with Dependent Children must train for jobs and seek work to continue receiving other

The study-made public Wednesday, tracked 33,000 recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children and compared them with a control group of people receiving welfare but not enrolled

The six counties studied from 1991 to 1993 cut welfare payments an average of 6 percent while increasing the participants income 22 percent

over three years, compared with the control group. "At their best, welfare employment programs

can substanually increase people's earnings - and return for every dollar the government puts out, nearly \$3 back," said John Wallace, who led the study for Manpower Demonstration Research Corp., a New York-hased nonprofit research insti-

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Emperor Akihito, whose view of New York was clouded by a murky haze when his plane landed in record heat: "I look forward to seeing the sky-

Abortions At Lowest **Level Since** '79 in U.S.

By Tamar Lewin New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The number of abortions performed in the United States dropped to 1,529,000 in 1992, the lowest level since 1979, according to a new study.

And it is not only the number of

abortions that bas fallen. Both the percentage of pregnancies ending in abortion and the number of abortions for every 1.000 women ages 15 to 44 are at their lowest levels since 1976 - three years after the Supreme Court, in the case of Roe v. Wade, established a constitutional right to abortion,

In 1992, according to the study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit group that studies reproductive issues, 27.5 percent of pregnancies ended in abortion, compared with about 30 percent in the years from 1979 to 1986. The number of abortions for every 1,000 reproductive-age women was 25.9, compared with 29 from 1979 to 1983.

Stanley K. Henshaw, one of the authors of the study, said there were many possible explanations why fewer women were choosing to have abortions, including demographics, changed attitudes toward both single parenting and abortion, wider and mure effective contraceptive use and more limited access to abortion.

"In most countries, abortion rates rise sharply for several years after abortion is legalized, then stahilize, just as we have seen in the United States. Rates then decline somewhat, particularly if contra-ceptive use improves, Mr. Hen-

"We don't have data after 1992, but my conversations with abortion providers indicate that the decline continues."

The study, based on data from doctors and institutions that provide abortions and from state health departments, did not provide breakdowns by race or ethnic-

Mr. Henshaw said some of the decline could be attributed to a trend among pregnant, unmarried women to keep their babies.

The number of births to unmarried women has increased assumdingly, going up 21 percent between 1988 and 1991," he said, "In those three years, births to unmarried women increased by more than 200,000, while abortions declined by about 60.000."

Another contributing factor, the study said, is that as the habyboom generation ages, a higher proportion of women of reproductive age are in the older, less fertile

Also, access to abortion has been restricted in recent years by tighter laws, and by a shortage of doctors and institutions that perform abor-

"Limited access to abortion is certainly a factor, but probably not the most important one." Mr. Henshaw said.

"Abortion services have clearly become less available, given the smaller and smaller number of trained and practicing providers." the continuing concentration of services in large urban areas and provision of services becoming increasingly fraught with hassles and

Of Gay Games And a March NEW YORK - Even for a

N.Y. to Be Host

city that is host to millions of tourists annually, that is accustomed to conventioneers ranging from Democrats to dermatologists, the last half of June will mark an extraordinary convergence.
It begins this weekend,

when more than 10,000 homosexual athictes from 44 countries begin a week of sports competition called the Gay Games, with closing ceremonies at Yankee Stadium. It continues through a huge march on June 26 that will

mark the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. In what became the defining moment of the contemporary gay liber-ation movement, the patrons of a bar in New York's Greenwich Village fought back against a police raid in June 1969.

Organizers estimate that 500,000 spectators will attend the games and that up to I milion people will march.

The events demonstrate both the emerging clout of homosexuals, and continued obstacks. The games and the Stonewall commemoration have both found fewer corporate sponsors than fund-raisers had hoped.

But gay rights groups successfully lobbied the Justice Department to temporarily waive the U.S. ben on foreign visitors infected with the AIDS virus to enable them to attend the games and the march And negotiations with the New York Yankees and, to a lesser extent, with the city have buoyed the events' orga-

A total of 31 sports are represented. Some events will resemble any other amateur competition, while others --ne-sex pairs figure skating leaps to mind - will be unprecedented.

A Cartel Refines Its Drug Trade Cali Exports New Products and Mocks Law

By Douglas Farah

Washington Post Service BOGOTA — Months after Colombian authorities eliminated the Medellin cartel that noce dominated the world's cocaine traffic, the rival organization based in the city of Cali is moving aggressively to trade in new drugs and to block efforts to prosecute its leaders, according to law enforcement officials and other sources.

The Cali cartel, a loose affiliation of several large drug-trafficking organizations, also is adapting its financial strategy to return billions of dollars in proceeds to Co-lombia, the sources said. It has been six months since Co-

lombian troops killed Pablo Esco-ber Gaviria and finally shattered the Medellin cartel, which he had dominated. But the elimination of Mr. Escobar, who had fought an eight-year battle with the Cali car-tel, has freed it to expand its exports.

Since then, U.S. and Colombian anthorities acknowledge, Colombian cocaine has flowed undiminished to the United States, and Colombian cocaine and heroin traffic to Europe is rising sharply. Up to 1,200 tons of cocaine was shipped from the Andes region last year, and 85 percent of it was handled by the Cali cartel, the authorities esti-

U.S. and Colombian law enforcement officials said the Cali cartel has been able to expand its trade because it has the best intelli-gence network in Colombia, and because it is especially powerful in

"Every operation against them has been compromised," said a U.S. law enforcement agent. These guys have such an intelli-gence network that it is damn near impossible for anything of significance to happen in Cali without their knowing about it." The Cali traffickers now face lit-

tle opposition and have even taken over trafficking operations in Medellin, offering franchises there to former Escobar lieutenants in exchange for a share of the profits.

The Cali cartel leaders are forcing the survivors of the defeated Medellin syndicate to pay remu-nerations from their violent con-

These are people

with more money than God, who have such a good intelligence network, and hire the best lawyers.'

U.S. and Colombian judicial sisting that Medellin traffickers in group, thereby undermining prose-cutors' cases against the Cali lead-

flict. The so-called "war taxes" defor people kidnapped during their baule, sources said. More worrisome, according to

prison in Colombia confess to crimes committed by the Cali U.S. officials said lawyers for the Cali leaders, working in the United States and using the legal discovery process, are able to uncover much

of the evidence that the Drug En-

forcement Administration and oth-

er agencies have against their cli-

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"To remove legal jeopardy, the Cali leadership has a systematic, well-thought-through strategy," a U.S. official said, "These are pecple with more money than God, who have such a good intelligence network and hire the hest lawvers. They use the discovery process in the U.S., then find a stalking horse and make a deal so someone confesses to enough of the crime that all evidence against the kingpin disappears."

International law enforcement specialists here and in the United States said many of the organizations are rapidly expanding into the production got just of heroin. but of liquid marijuana and syn-

thetic drugs. Liquid marijuana, made by squeezing the oil out of marijuana plants, is growing in popularity in the United States and Europe because it can be painted on the outside of normal cigarettes. John J. Coleman, the U.S. drug

agency's assistant administrator for operations, said the Cali organimanded by Cali amount to \$30 zations are masters of marketing million, and the Medellin traffick- and that, while heroin remains a ers also are being forced to return relatively small interest for the Cali ransoms paid by the Cali groups organizations, they are moving into the European market aggressively. In Europe, Mr. Coleman said. "they will use the same strategy they used in the U.S., underselling

the competition to get as large a

market share as possible and cut

the costs of distribution expenses by controlling every part of the Because they feel safe in Colombia, the Cali leaders are moving more and more of their wealth back here, U.S. and Colombian officials said. But instead of absorbing the costs - up to 25 percent - of laundering and transporting cash back to Colombia from the United

States and Europe, the traffickers

are simply importing goods.

providing appropriations for the Department of

Away From Politics

· Researchers have found evidence that casts serious doubt on claims by women that breast implants lead to various diseases. Comparing the cases of 749 women who had implants with the records of 1.498 women who had not, researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, Jound no increase in the likelihood of developing any of a long list of conditions, including various cancers and arthritis.

 After studying traffic jams for two years, a Na-tional Research Council panel has decided that the best way to curb highway backups is to impose fees on commuters who drive at peak hours.

· Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has given final approval to a plan to reintroduce the endangered gray wolf to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and to central Idaho for the first time in 70 years. Under the program, which was backed by environmentalists but opposed by ranchers fearful for their livestock, about 30 wolves will initially be collared and monitored in Canada.

· Widespread lightning strikes have sparked fires in interior Alaska spruce forests parched by summer's hot days and around-the-clock daylight state and federal officials said. Fire fighters were at work trying to control 16 blazes that were considered threatening to property or towns.

· A study of the stumps of ancient trees that once grew from stream beds and lake bottoms in the Sierra Nevada has turned up new evidence that droughts in California can last 100 years or more, far longer than the state's official estimates. Reuters, LAT, AP, NYT



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TOGETHERNESS - Children white and black were at a rally Thursday commemorating the 1976 Soweto township uprising, in which black students and the police were involved in one of the country's worst clashes. The event is often called the beginning of the end of apartheid.

Tormented in Japan, Koreans Say

TOKYO - Children in the North Korean community in Japan are increasingly suffering attacks and barassmeni as their country's suspected nuclear program gains more attention, a spokesman said

From the start of April to mid-June, there were 124 incidents, said Pak Kyong Ryol, a spokesman for the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan.

The association recorded 25 incidents in April, 45 in May and near-

suspicion that North Korea was developing nuclear weapons

Most of the victims were girls, recognizable because of traditional uniforms that include long, pleated skirts called chima. In several cases,

the dresses were slashed.
A total of 54 of the incidents were violent, including the beating of two 15-year-old boys hy a group

age. Children riding the subway have

ly 50 in the first half of June as suspicion that North Korea was phrases such as "Go home, Koreans!" and "Get off the train!"

"It's not the work of organized groups." Mr. Pak said. "It's just that anti-Korean prejudice is strongly rooted in some Japanese.

There are about 700,000 Korean

residents of Japan, descendants of people who came or were forcibly brought to work in Japan during Tokyo's colonial rule on the penin-sula from 1910 to 1945. About onethird of these are believed to owe political allegiance to the North.

North Korea France Ready to Join in Rwanda Force

Willing to New York Times Service Talk, U.S. **Expert Says**

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON - North Ko-

rea is willing to freeze work on a new nuclear reactor and its fuel reprocessing plant in return for Western assistance in the peaceful uses of nuclear power, according to

an American expert who met with President Kim II Sung last week. The American, Selig Harrison, reported in Washington on Thursday on the outlines of a "package deal" North Korea is seeking and said it provided the basis for an immediate easing of the confrontation between North Korea and the

United States. Mr. Harrison traveled to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, in his role as director of the East Asian arms control program of the Carnegie Endowment for Interna-

tional Peace. In three hours of talks. Mr. Kim said his government was willing to negotiate a concrete timetable for freezing operations at its fuel reprocessing plant at Yongbyon and due to be completed in 1996, Mr. the corr Harrison said. This freeze would be vision. verified by international inspectors, he said.

The timetable would be negotiated when North Korea obtains binding commitments for the construction and financing of a modern. "light-water" reactor at an estimated cost of \$2 billion to \$3

nesses as beauty shops, drugstores, billion. Mr. Harrison said. novelty shops, variety stores, res-taurants and botels, an analyst Light-water reactors of the type used in the industrialized West, are wrote in 1949. far less adaptable to a nuclear weapons program than the graphtration found in a 1957 study that ite-based reactors now in use and under construction in North Korea, Mr. Harrison said.

By Alan Riding

PARIS - Responding to domestic criticism that it was doing nothing to halt the massacres in Rwanda, France said Thursday that it was ready to join European and African nations in a

planned United Nations force does not arrive there soon. Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, who will discuss the initiative during visits to the Ivory Coast and Senegal this weekend, said France

was already seeking backing for the idea from European and African governments. "We cannot go in alone." he told the French Senate on Thursday.

Mr. Juppe said any intervention would be of "limited duration" and would aim only to protect civilians threatened with extermination and would not impose a political solution. He suggested that the Western European Union, a nine-nation regional defense bloc, could act under a United Nations mandate.

But the plan was immediately denounced by the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front, which has accused France of hacking the Hutu-dominat-

ed government "We are opposed to French intervention." said Jacques Bihozagara, a rebel spokesman in Brussels. "They would be intervening to protect

Beigium, Rwanda's colonial ruler until 1961.

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also responded skeptically to the proposal. fighting continues.

COOL: How the Air Conditioner Remade America

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tempts dating back to the mid-

1800s to come up with something

similar, modern air conditioning

dates to 1902, when Willis Carrier

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installed it in a Brooklyn printing

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Mr. Carrier's name for his new

product wasn't very catchy, though He called it an "Apparatus

for Treating Air."
A Southern engineer named Stu-

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necessary caution."

Despite its ties to Rwanda, Belgium was "bumanitarian" military intervention if a shaken by the murder of 10 Belgian soldiers planned United Nations force does not arrive serving in a United Nations peace mission in Rwanda in April, and it has since shown no appetite for further involvement. Rwanda's Hutus have also long accused Brussels of favor. ing the mainly Tutsi rebels.

Several African countries, among them Gha-na, Senegal, Zimbabwe and Nigeria, have of-fered troops to a proposed 5,500-man United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda, but it is not certain that they would back a Europeanled intervention. An African summit meeting that ended in Tunisia on Wednesday locused its energies on obtaining a cease-fire between the warring parties.

Uganda, widely believed to have helped arm the rebels since they began their guerrilla war in 1990, said France was "an interested party" and its involvement could bring complications. The offer comes too late after over 500,000 innocent people have been killed," an aide to the Ugandan president, Yoweri Museveni, told

So far, among African leaders, only Zaire's president, Mobutu Sese Seko, has backed intervention involving non-African countries if the

heat

"I think that not just France but other states "France took sides much more than our "I think that not just France but other same country," the Belgian defense minister, Leo will be ready to go to end the horrors. "he said Delcroix, said Thursday, "and that's why the after attending the African summit meeting. I after attending the African summit meeting. But France for one, is not eager to be associated to be associated by the affine and details."

ed with the Zairean dictator. Mr. Juppe mentioned the possibility of 2
French-backed military intervention in Rwanda during a meeting with legislators Wealtes-day. He then elaborated on the idea Thursday in a long article in the Paris daily Liberation. contending that the international community had shown "culpable inaction" over the last

"We have a real duty to intervene in Rwantwo months. da," he wrote. "It is no longer time to depicre the massacres with our arms folded, but to take action. The urgent need for international intervention should lead us to show both imaging-

uon and courage.

He suggested that, if a United Nations peace force cannot be quickly sent to Rwanda, some of the 18,000 United Nations troops currently tion and courage." stationed in Somalia could be deployed to Rwanda. He added that the the UN secretary-

general, Butros Britros Ghali, had endorsed the idea in principle.

But if this is not possible, Mr. Juppe went on. France was ready to act with European and African countries to stop the bloodshed.

"No solution to put a stop to the Rwandan tragedy should be discarded," be said. "France is ready to play its part in this effort." A French military source said France could send up to 1,000 soldiers on 24 hours' notice.

reached crisis proportions.

of 20 Japanese boys about the same

Continued from Page 1 sanctions proposal when North Korea abruptly withdrew spent fuel rods from a nuclear reactor last with Pyongyang has been undercut after China normalized relations

month. with South Korea two years ago. Despite Beijing's opposition to sanctions, China also does not want to be seen as the only permanent member of the Security Council unwilling to punish North Korea. China wants to be seen as a major, responsible world power. It does not want to be out of step with the rest of the international com-

munity, analysts say. The last time China used its veto power in the council was more than

two decades ago. For the Chinese, the major foreign-policy dilemma is finding a way to keep the North Korean regime from going bottom up in a dangerons way" while preventing themselves from being isolated on the issue at the United Nations, a

Western diplomat said. Some observers say China is in Korea. The two conntries are linked by blood ties from the Korean War. About 900,000 Chinese died fighting for North Korea.

Exactly what Beijing has done to persuade the North to back off its confrontational nuclear program is not clear. Some diplomats have giv-

SANCTIONS: Pressure Mounting, China Finds Itself in the Hot Seat en China credit for working quietly behind the scenes, But Chinese officials acknowledge their leverage

> China is the chief supplier of oil and food grains to the North. In 1993, Chinese exports of coal and oil accounted for 26 percent of the \$900 million in total bilateral trade. One Western diplomat estimated that North Korea imports about 25 percent of its oil from China. But some other reports say the figure is closer to 75 percent. China also exports light industry products, like clothing.

By comparison, trade with South Korea has mushroomed in the two years since relations between Beijing and Seoul were normalized. Trade between China and South Korea last year was \$8.3 billion.

In recent weeks, the Chinese seem to have gone out of their way to show public support for North Korea. During a meeting here last week with Choi Kwang, the North Korean Army chief of staff, China's president, Jiang Zemin, said the two countries were "friendly neighbors as closely related as lips

and teeth." The Foreign Ministry spokes-

man repeated the metaphor on

Liu Huaqing, vice chairman of China's powerful Central Military Commission, told the army chief of stall that the "prolound friend-ship" between the two peoples and the two armies "should he passed on from generation to generation." But behind closed doors, "the

Chinese were sending sterner mes-sages," a diplomat said. The same week. China also abstained from an atomic energy agency resolution condemning the North and suspending technical aid because the North had denied access to the agency's inspectors. The Chinese have told Western diplomats of their concerns about stability on the peninsula, and about North Korea's international obligations.

Moscow Outlines Stand

Lee Hockstader of The Washington Post reported from Moscow: The Russian objections to the sanctions package were expressed by Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev, who sounded a theme that is becoming familiar. He said Moscow would not support what he termed "a set of sanctions worked out without our cooperation" that could "seriously complicate our work in the UN Security Council."

American diplomats, who presented Washington's proposal at the United Nations on Wednesday, said they expected several weeks of consultations in preparation for a Security Council vote.

American officials said they interpreted Mr. Kozyrev's remarks as intended at least in part for domestic pobtical consumption, and not a sign of Russian opposition to Washington. The Russian foreign minister has tried hard to stake out a foreign policy independent of Washington's and which reflects

nationalist sentiment at bome. Puzzlement at the UN

Julia Presson of The Washington Post reported from the United Notions in New York:

U.S. officials were startled and bemused by Mr. Kozyrev's state-ment that Russia had not been consulted on its sanctions plan. The draft resolution the United States unveiled here Wednesday includes a separate clause devoted to the top-level international security conference on North Korea which was the centerpiece of the Russian

proposal. The United States at first resistafter a series of meetings with Russian officials Washington agreed to incorporate it as a reward to Pyongyang for starting to cooperate again with international nuclear

The purpose of the conference, which would include leaders from North and South Korea, the United States, Russia and Japan, would be to provide Pyongyang new secunity guarantees in exchange for a commitment to the full denuclearization of the Korean penis. a

inspectors.

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Continued from Page 1. said would amount to an act of war. Mr. Carter said that when he arrived in Pyongyang the North Koreans were set to expel the inspectors sent by the international Atomic Energy Agency, a UN agency. But he said Mr. Kim had reversed his position and agreed to allow the inspectors to remain in place. The Korean leader also promised to see that surveillance instruments were kept in working

order. President Kim has committed himself to maintain the inspectors on site in the disputed nuclear reactor and to guarantee that surveilorder," Mr. Carter said. He said North Korea had addi-

tional "compromise proposals" they were prepared to pursue but be had not studied them in detail. In Vienna, David Kyd, a spokesman for the atomic energy agency, said, "We welcome any indications of flexibility on the part of the

North Koreans. Mr. Certer said the North Korean leader had expressed a desire for nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

Mr. Carter met with Mr. Kim for three hours Thursday at a presidential palace on the outskirts of

Pyongyang. The two men covered a

KOREA: Clinton Calls the Developments Promising lance equipment would remain in wide range of issues, but U.S. fears. that North Korea is building a nuclear arsenal dominated the talks. Another meeting was scheduled for

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and by the late 20s, movie houses

became summer havens from the

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the White House, the Executive Of-

Friday. The U.S. government said Mr. Certer, whose trip is described as private, was bearing no formal message from the Clinton administration. But he was being received in North Korea much as an official

emissary. "The time has come to establish full friendship and understanding. open trade, exchange of visits and full diplomatic relations between our two countries," Mr. Carter said.

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Continued from Page 1 needs to respond. The signal for its early days was at the movie which Dr. Wendling's receptor was designed was unknown, but since she found it in a type of immature blood cell that develops into either. a red blood cell or a platelet, several scientists gressed it might be the receptor that had long been sought for the platelet-stimulating hor-

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er before succeeded. Dr. Groopman said that "in the two years since the identification of the receptor, this would rank among the most competitive pro-

jects in biotechnology. These are high stakes for these companies. he said. Given the general disappointment in biotech-nology, this is a real winner."

Mark Simon, an analyst at Robertson Stephens & Co. in San Francisco said that the world market for the drug would be \$1 billion a year.

With thrombopoietin, hematologists said, they have the last remaining bormone needed to replenish blood cells that are destroyed by chemotherapy. Several years ago, the hormone that re-plemishes red blood cells was discovered, followed by those that stimulate formation of the white blood cells. The way is now clear to manipulate the three major compo-(AFP, Reuters, AP)

RATES: German Economic Recovery Is Strengthening, Bundesbank Says

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Thursday that Germany's economy could grow by 2 percent this year, but analysts said Mr.

Rexrodt's forecasts were frequently too opti-

The Bundesbank said in its report that the recovery was being led by manufacturing industry. It noted that improved exports were helping western regions, where the mood among corporate executives had become nota-

bly more confident. In its report, the Bundesbank also offered what appeared to be a rebuttal to critics who have suggested that in recent months it had

cent, the same level that is expected for France.

Gunther Rexrodt, the German economics minister, told the Handelsblatt newspaper.

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15.4 percent in April, compared with the than the regular M-3 money supply measure. Bundesbank's 1994 target of from 4 to 6 percent. On an annual basis, M-3 growth since

June 1993 has been 11 percent. The Bundesbank, which hopes that rising long-term yields will carb M-3 growth by attracting assets away from short-team deposits, insisted that it was following a "pragmatic" approach because M-3's surge had been distorted by "extraordinary factors." Among these have been changes in German tax laws that have made it more attractive to bring money back into the country from such overseas ha-

vens as Luxembourg. The German central bank said its so-called DM.

brushed aside the rapid growth of its M-3 : expanded M-3 measure - which includes non-

Alison Cottrell, a Bundesbank-watcher at-Midland Global Markets Research in London, dismissed the remarks about the expanded M-3 measure as what she termed "a fig leaf" for Bundesbank members to hide behind as they seek to explain away the faster than expected growth in money supply.

The June monthly report also said the government of Chancellor Helmni Kohl was likely to suffer a public sector budget deficit of about 130 billion Deutsche marks (\$80 billion) in 1994, in line with the 1993 deficit of 135 billion

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott THE fourth-youngest player ever to reach the rank of life master in the New York metropolitan area, and the tenth-youngest anywhere, is Kent Mignocchi, 15,

of Riverdale, the Bronz.

In the diagramed deal, be and his regular partner, Judy Bian∞ of Manhattan, climbed to six spades, a contract with poor chances because of the duplication of values in the diamond suit. A third-round splinter jump to four diamonds by South, showing shortness, would have made it easier to put on the brakes in four spades.

After a diamond lead, South had to assume that the trump queen would be linessable. He could either throw bearts on diamonds and hope to maneuver three club tricks. or throw club losers on diamonds and hope to manage hearts for one loser. Which was the right plan? It might seem right to throw clubs, and eventually lead the heart

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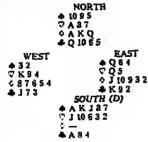
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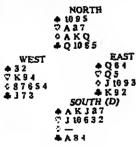
nine, but that is about a 20 percent

shot. Mignocchi as South worked it our correctly. He took three diamond winners, throwing hearts, and picked up trumps by finessing against the

queen. He then led a low club -it ould have been an error to play the ace - and finessed the ten when West played low. He was thus able to make three club tricks, dispose of his remaining heart loser, and make the slam. This plan offers about a 30 percent chance, succeeding wbenever West's clubs are J-x-x, K-J-, K-J-x, or K-J-x-x, In the last of these cases it is essential to preserve the ace as a re-entry to the closed hand. There is also a slight squezze chance if West's clubs are J-x-x-x.



East has a doubleton or singleton



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JAMES BALDWIN: A Biography By David Leeming, 442 pages. Reviewed by

David Nicholson A S David Learning sees him in this new hiography, James Baldwin was both prophet and preacher, driven by a calling to bear witness to the truth." This is hardly surprising given his background. Born Aug. 2, 1924, in

Harlem, Baldwin was raised by his mother and his steplather, who was a laborer and storefront preacher. At 14, Baldwin himself became a poet, "by his very presence black artist devoted to his work as preacher, one of the "young minis-ters" in a Pentecostal church. He discovered his gift for oratory there, but he was not saved. Instead, already tormented by his emerging homosexuality, he was torn, as he would be throughout his life, between the spirit and the flesh. That the young Baldwin eventu-

Baldwin grew up hating the man before he came to understand that the deep sorrow of the Reverend David Balowin's life was that be had been "defeated long before he died because, at the bottom of his heart, he really believed what white people said about him." Fortunatey he found a series of mentors, first Orilla (Bill) Miller, a leftist former Antioch College student working as an intern at Baldwin's elementary school. She directed the sixthgrader's first play, discussed Dickens with bim and, with ber busband, took him to movies. Later. in junior high school. Countee Cullen, the Harlem Renaissance

black painter living in Greenwich

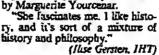
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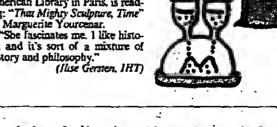
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WHAT THEY'RE READING

... pointed a way around the well as something of the father mentality of despair and proved figure he sought all his days. Baldwin was, Leeming writes, "not yet fully aware of his own homoa homosexual, a minister's son, ally became a writer was less testimony to his family's influence than
to others'. His father opposed the
boy's love for books and movies.

In Delaney. Baldwin found a By the time be left for Paris some

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eight years later, on the first of a series of journeys into exile, Baldwin possessed the themes he would explore throughout his career. There

was racism and his ambivalence toward his father. There was also his vision of himself as an outsider, by virtue of being both an artist and a homosexual. And there was the preacher, driven to force America's attention to the ways racism crippled both black and white. These themes would finel an astonishing love and its power to make white Americans understand their fundavariety of work - essays, plays,

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novels, stories and poems - done mental connection to black Ameriis, New York and Turkey, and com-

black power movements. .. Now, seven years after his death 1987. Baldwin remains, with Ralph Ellison and Amiri Baraka, one of the archetypes of what it is to be a black male writer. Thus it is difficult to criticize him. Still, it must be noted that, while Learning is right in characterizing Baldwin as a prophet and preacher, he scarcely alludes to the fact that this was Baidwin's failing as well as his

strength as an artist. Baldwin began by rejecting the kind of protest novel written by Richard Wright, preferring to be simply a writer, not "a Negro writer." Soon, however, he began to see art as an agent for social change. The preacher had always been evident in Baldwin's essays and po-lemics; now he never left the pulpit for long in the novels and stories: A further irony is that the writer whose work was so concerned with

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despite chaotic fiving conditions. cans was unable to find it in his failed love affairs, residences in Par-"to be loved for himself, not as a mitments to the civil rights and son or as a brother or as a black man, but as a buman being with ficsh-and-blood needs."

Biographers must enjoy an inti-mate relationship with their subjects, and it is peritages inconceivable that a writer could create a good biography of someone he despises. In this case the intimacy of the subject-biographer relationship

Lecuning was Baldwin's secretary
for four years and obtained his consent to write this biography in 1977 - seems to have colored the book.

The result is that there is hardly a word of criticism here. Leeming seems convinced that every word Baldwin wrote is important and will endure. Perhaps be is right. What seems more likely is that Baldwin was a product of a particular place and time, a messenger who began by wanting to destroy cerin stereotypes and, instead, creat-

David Nicholson regularly review books for The Washington Post.

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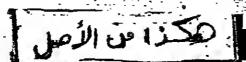
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Beyond the Face-Lift

The hope remains that President Bill Clin- if he allows the perception of not being quite ton's D-Day tour of Europe signaled a new start on the administration's troubled foreign policy. In that regard, the replacing of three officials responsible for Europe could be a good first step. Richard Hnlbrooke will take over from Stephen Oxman as an assistant secretary of state. Alexander Vershbow will relieve Jennone Walker at the Natinnal Security Council. And a figure yet to be named will replace Thomas Simons Jr. as coordinator of aid programs to the former Soviet Union.

These changes are useful but probably do not go far enough to calm the gathering alarm over the administration's foreign policy performance. Mr. Holbrooke brings totellectual and bureaucratic authority in his new job. Mr. Vershbow won high marks as Mr. Oxman's deputy. And Mr. Simons's replacement could rgize a lagging aid effort.

What worries Americans and foreigners alike is the damage to U.S. credibility when an administration repeatedly fails to stand by either its promises or its threats. They are also troubled by an inability to focus on priorities and a decision-making process that seems to go nn interminably and then produce only split-the-difference fudge.

The problem is not, as often argued, the president's lack of attention to foreign policy. His grasp of the important global issues is impressive. Nor does he lack ability to speak effectively, as he demonstrated during the D-Day tour. The problem is that he has deliberately cultivated the impression of a domesticoriented president not personally engaged in foreign policy. That lack of visible leadership has become a major liability, weakening his ability to win Congress to his domestic agen-da. The example of Jimmy Carter tells us that

up to the job, it could threaten his re-election. Neither Warren Christopher as secretary of state nor Anthony Lake as national security adviser has made any significant impression

on the international diplomatic and security community. They have not articulated a compelling vision of America's future place to the world. They have failed to generate confidence at home or abroad that the State Department or the White House situation room are in the hands of people who reach firm, reliable decisions and focus Mr. Clinton's attention where it ought to be.

The administration urgently needs to put forward a short list of what foreign policy problems really matter to America today. Ticking off the worthy goals of democracy. markets and expanding trade and a geographical catalogue of Europe, Asia and the Middle East will not do. Focusing on key countries like Russia, China and Japan and specific issues like the World Trade Organization, nonproliferatinn and oil security would.

The administration also needs to be far clearer on what it is prepared to do to resolve these problems. It has endlessly debated the issue of multilateral versus unilateral military action. But most of the problems that belong on the short list do not lend themselves to military approaches.

The latest staff changes, coming on top of the promotion of Strobe Talbott in deputy secretary of state, strengthen the Clinton administration's foreign policy team, but only at midlevel posts. These appointees could contrib-ute to a fresh start, but direction will have to come from the president and, probably, from new leaders in one or more of the top jobs.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Boost for Kohl

The European parliamentary elections recall Winston Churchill's complaint about a pudding, that it lacked a theme.

A swing to the right among voters in the 12-nation European Union? Well, yes, except that Socialist parties emerged with the most seats in the European Parliament: 200 out of 567. True, Italy's former Communist Party did worse than expected, causing the resignation of its leader. But former Communists to Eastern Germany did better than expected on their old turf, winning a surprising 40 percent in what used to be East Berlin.

The European Parliament has only limited powers and is far from being the legislative seat of a true European Uninn. But these elections offer a useful barometer of political shifts. And this poll produced a big and unex-pected winner, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany. That could be important not just for Europe but for President Bill Clinton.

Outside Germany, protest voters punished longtime incumbents for failing to end a persistent recession. But Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats held their ground, taking 39 percent of the vote, some seven points more than the opposition Social Democrats. The far-right-wing Republican Party crumbled, while the Greens, an environment party competing for left-wing votes, increased its share to 10 percent. This was an excellent outcome for Mr. Kohl,

who in October faces what was supposed to be his toughest national contest. The luck of rotation will give the chancellor a further boost in July, Germany assumes the European Union presidency, meaning that his ample image will be dominating prime time through the campaign. Thus the most generally underestimated of European leaders seems poised to become the Continent's strongest political figure.

Mr. Kohl's skill as a horse trader will soon

be tried, at the European Union conference in Corfu on June 24 and 25. The main task will be finding a successor to Jacques Delors, "Mr. Europe," who heads the Union's Brussels bureaucracy. The two leading contenders are Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Lue Dehaene and his Dutch counterpart, Ruud Lubbers.

Nationalist opposition, especially in Britain, has stalled the drive to greater unity. But if the European Union cannot deepen, it can still widen. In a weekend referendum, two ont of three Austrians wanted to seek membership, which improves odds in Sweden, Finland and Norway. Adding new members will not resolve arguments over a common currency or a common initiative to end the slaughter to the Balkans. But new members could restore lost vitality to the European Union, which still remains discouragingly stuck to the lift-off stage.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Afraid of Inflation, Unafraid of the Jobless By Jim Hoagland

man's basis point in the brave new economic world of the central bankers. Being unemployed may be bad for you, but cheer up. It cools inflation

and should be good for the markets.

That is part of the unspoken (and unspeakable) philosopby that lies behind the manipula-tion of interest rates in the world's leading industrial economies in recent months. Because of the central bankers' abiding and unbalanced fear of inflation, declining unemployment rates have become a hair trigger for raising interest rates. Even if they have not unticed it, most Ameri-

Central bankers see a sustained decline in unemployment as a terrible development.

cans have recently felt the impact of the jobsinterest rate connection as the Federal Reserve pushed up rates (measured in "basis points") through the spring while unemployment moved down. The home purchaser's mortgage payments have gone up, and businesses seem to be restraining expansion and hiring, as the Fed desired.

The relationship is neither totally new nor a one-way street. Interest rates are generally lowered at times of soaring unemployment in the hope of

stimulating the economy. Few complain then. But two things are new. One is the high level of unemployment that needs to be sustained in developed economies for Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his international colleagues to feel secure in their jobs and reputations. Second is the politicians' acquiescence in this monetarist strategy which makes full employment not a

goal to be sought by government but something to be opposed at all costs.

In America, alarm bells now go off when 6.2 percent or less of the work force is unemployed. In Europe, the central banks' threshold number is closer to 10 percent. Anything fess is a cause for gloom in the markets and action by the central bankers, who see a sustained decline in unemployment as a terrible development: a signal that 1970s-style inflation is on its way back

The bankers and fund managers resemble old generals relighting the last war after the battlefield has changed. They build a Maginot Line of high long-term interest rates instead of adapting monetary policy to a world in which the greater barriers to economic renewal are unemployment and lack of public investment in productive enterprises. "This is tilting at windmills," says the New York investment banker Felix Rohatyn. Market he weights like Mr. Rohatyn, a Democrat, and Pete Peterson, a Republican, support the objectives of fighting inflation and deficit reduction. But they say they have to be coupled with sensible increased spending for national infrastructure to cut both short-term and long-term unemployment. American policymakers have in fact moved from striving for full employment (in the 1960s) to accepting 4 percent unemployed as a tolerable feature of the labor market (in the 1970s) to today's 6 percent threshold with little public

discussion. This hidden assumption about the "right" level of unemployment hiss Reaganomies to Clintonomics, and links Paul Volcker's policies to those of his successor, Mr. Greenspan. "Not long ago, 4 percent growth and 4 percent unemployment were not seen as something to

years, technology, restructuring and foreign competition have put significant downward pressure on prices and wages. It is illogical then to change the parameters and treat 3 percent growth and 6 percent unemployment as danger ignals for inflation."

Why are the politicians quiet about this when the investment bankers speak out? They seem cowed by the success of Ross Perot's deficitcutting demagoguery and by the dangers of seeming soft on inflation.

The influence that Mr. Greenspan seems to exert on Bill Clinton is one theme of Bob Woodward's timely new book "The Agenda." The portrair of President Clinton is a familiar Southern one of the responsible populist — his heart is with the little man, but the banker just won't let him do the right thing. So the presi-dent reluctantly agrees to put his first priority on lighting the deficit and inflation instead of shing for the billions in public investment in education and other infrastructure projects pledged to his 1992 campaign.

The Economist argued recently that neither

the administration nor the book examines the premises of that "false dichotomy." The maga-zine added, "Not only are deficit reduction and big public investments not mutually exclusive: the latter are more or less impossible without the former," and "this brutal truth escapes the politi-cal people" around Mr. Clinton. Mr. Rohatyn is more succinct: "Unless you

have growth you cannot reduce the deficit" Growth is measured in jobs as well as in stock and bond prices. Low inflation rates purchased by high unemployment will turn out to have been a dubious bargain.

The Washington Post.

Three Steps to Tame Tribalism and Unify Europe

N EW YORK — This is a pro-blematic moment in the long history of Europe. Only a short while back, the magic number 1992 aroused expectations of a vibrant new Europe, united, more prosperous, more undaunted than ever be-fore. Today the dream of European unity seems more distant than it was

a decade or two decades ago. What has befallen that dream? The answer is plain: nationalism. Nationalism can work for good or ill according to the circumstances. It

was nationalist resistance that defeated those, like Napoleon and Hitler. who tried to unify Europe by force of arms. It is nationalist feeling that today frustrates leaders whose benevolent vision is to unify Europe by shared interest and mutual benefit, by persuasion and consent. Nor has the end of the Cold War

helped. The Soviet threat was a potent factor to the promotion of European unity. As the threat evaporated, so did the felt need to unite against a totalitarian energy - or even against the savagery unleashed to what once was Yugoslavia. Nothing has more discredited the vision of European unity than Europe's impotence before the Bosnian tracedy.

As a Yugoslav political scientist well said — and who should know

better? - "minorities are going to be an acid test for all post-Communist societies. With communism all but disappearing, tribal instincts are coming back." And the hostility of

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By Arthur Schlesinger Jr.

one tribe toward another is among the most ancient of human reactions. On every side today, to every section of the troubled planet, ethnic and religious fanaticism is breaking nations. "The virus of tribalism," says The Economist, risks "becoming the AIDS of international politics lying dorment for years, then flaring to destroy countries."

High technology is shrinking the globe and overriding traditional boundaries. But integrating pressures drive people to seek refuge from global currents beyond their control and understanding. The more people feel themselves adrift in a cold, impersonal, anonymous world, the more desperately they embrace some warm, familiar, intelligible, protective human unit - the more they crave a

politics of identity.
Integration and disintegration thus are the opposites that feed on each other. The more the world integrates, the more people cling to their own in groups increasingly defined to these post-ideological days by ethnic and religious emotions.
Yugoslavia is only the most mur-

derous portent of a darkening future. What was once the Soviet Union contains 104 distinct nationalities, 22 of which have populations of more than a million. Twenty-five million Russians live outside Russia. The Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences tells us that there are now more than 160 border disputes in the ex-Soviet Union.

Two million Hungarians live in Romania, 700,000 in Slovakia. In all, 30 percent of the Hungarians live outside Hungary. And 300,000 thousand Germans and 200,000 Ukrainians live in Poland. Nor is Western Europe lacking in ethnic, religious and linguistic enmittes.

According to the 1993 UN report on refugees, more than one in every 120 people on the globe is a refugee. It is estimated that 25 million people will migrate into the European Union in the next decade, mostly people of alien colors, creeds and customs. Xenoohobia and racism are already the rising themes in European politics. How are democratic societies to cope with ethnic, racial and religious

eterogeneity?
The United States had the advantage of settlers who (mostly) came to its shores precisely in order to acquire a new identity. Citizenship has been defined in terms not of ethnic origin but of political ideals, however imperfectly we Americans have lived up to those ideals.

We have developed traditions and agencies of assimilation. The melting pot, though uneven in its workings, has created a new nationality, e pluri-bus uman. As Gunnar Myrdai wrote in "An American Dilemma," his great study of race relations in the United States: The minority peoples

of the United States are fighting for status in the larger society; the mi-norities of Europe are mainly fighting for independence from it."

So there are evident limitations on the value for Europeans of the American experience. I am sure, however, that Europe must move beyond the idea of ethnic nations — the doctrine that citizenship should be based on bloodlines rather than on principles.

Under current German law, for example, people of German extraction who have never lived in Germany have a better legal claim to Ger-man citizenship than do people of Turkish origin who have lived to Germany for a couple of generations. Europe must accept the inevitability of heterogeneity—and the consequent need to persuade heterogeneous peoples to live together in civil-

ity and harmony.

The first necessity is the rule of law. Those who seek citizenship in a country can reasonably be called on to abide by the country's constitution and laws. There are persons of ardent religious faith who come to a country and say that they will obey only those of the country's laws that conform to their understanding of the Koran or some other sacred text. Such indigestible communities are hard to reconcile with a democratic polity.

A second necessity is productive employment. Competition for jobs intensifies ethnic and racial hostil-ities and feeds political extremism. Economic growth will not cure ethnic prejudices, but it will mitigate some

A third necessity is an international framework dealing with minority rights. A resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1970 declared that the right to self-determi-nation should not be applied to a way that would break up composite states when those states respect humanrights. But how to assure that respect? How to strengthen the interna-

tional machinery for the protection of nunorities?

The Dutch proposal for a High Commissioner for Minorities deserves more serious consideration than it has received from the Conference on Secu-nty and Cooperation in Europe. Others suggest that the existing European Court on Human Rights take on the protection of minorines.

Robert Badinter, president of France's Constitutional Council, recommends a European Arbitration Court. If Hungary, for example, filed a complaint about the treatment of ethnic Hungarians in other countries. the judges would work out a reasonable solution and begin to build up legal precedents that would in time amount to a common law for minority problems. To avert an age of Yuslavias, the nations of Europe must create some trans-European means of reducing ethnic conflict.

If we cannot de ethnicize the concept of citizenship, provide jobs and develop machinery to protec minor-ities, it is hard to see how the descent into tribalism can be stopped and the dream of European unity revitalized.

The writer, professor in the hu ities at the City University of New York, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

War Drums Don't Rush Clinton

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — This town is itching to go to war. But with whom? Some in Congress and the journalistic community would prefer Bosnia. Others would prefer Haiti. where sanctions have been tightened and rumors abound that the Yanks are about to hit the beach, Still others prefer North Korea. Bomb its nuclear facilities and then, if we have to, fight another war on the Korean Peninsula.

If Bill Clinton did what was asked of him, the United States could be

fighting in three different places at the same time — and maybe, as to the Vietnam War era, in its own streets as well. It is to his credit that America is fighting nowhere yet.
Waves of trigger-itchiness come

and go, sometimes abented by a presidential remark or two, but Mr. Clinton just waits them out. Now, though, the war drums are growing more and more persistent; something has to be done about North Korea — and quick. Something indeed has to be done. But what's the rush?

To most Americans, the Korean crisis must be nearly incomprehensi-ble. What with the IAEA and the NPT, fuel rods and plutonium, it sug-gests a college course to be avoided at all costs. Yet America may well be going to war in Korea.

If war comes, it will only be after the Chinton administration has given North Korea every chance to get out of the box it has got itself into. That is because no one in Washington knowsfor sure what North Korea's intentions are. Is Kim Il Sung really intent
on developing a nuclear arsenal and,
possibly, selling those weapons to
other rogue states like Libya or Iraq'.
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If so, war is down the road a piece.
If, however, North Korea has blundered into its present spot or, by some wild chance, wants to leverage its miclear program for some economic goodies, it is going to find an attentive ear in Washington. A second Korean War, after all, is almost unthinkable. Second is within artillery range of North Korea So, for that matter, are many of the 37,000 U.S. military personnel stationed in South Korea. At its mini-

mum, this would be an ugly war. In fact, the stakes are so high that the administration is inclined to lel bygones be bygones. If North Korea wants to retain ambiguity about its past nuclear program, the Clinton administration is not going to pro-test. What matters is the course North Korea takes in the future not whether it has the two bombs that. the CIA says it may have, but whether it tests an atomic weapon and tries to develop others. Pulling out of the Nonproliferation Treaty would be a telling signal of intentions, and so would removing cameras and other devices by which nuclear programs are monitored. These steps would certainly heighten the crisis.

Trouble is, that is the course that North Korea seems to be on. It seems hell-bent on doing — what? No one can be sure. The only certainty is that it is playing a dangerous game. It said sanctions would be tantamount to war, and the Clinton administration has promised sanctions. Moreover, an American military buildup is under consideration. The administration is serious about being taken seriously.

The administration is following a product course. Bit by bit it is increasing the pressure on North Korea without issuing the sort of ultimation: After all, time is not North Korea's ally. It is an old regime, deep into ideological senility. Its people are impoverished, the country near ruin. Some military units are not combat worthy because the personnel are undernourished, and in certain factories managers fear that starving workers will faint and fall into the machinery. They fear the loss of the machinery, of course,

Sooner or later, North Korea will go the way of East Germany and, to the chagrin of South Korea, ask for a reconciliation - and a handout. In the meantime, the United States and other countries must deal with a maddening, if not mad, regime whose intentions are neither clear nor, maybe, rational. Either way, North Korea has to understand that it simply cannot have a nuclear arms program. The world, not to mention Bill Clinton, will not stand for it.

A war in the cause of nonproliferation may well be unavoidable. But a war based on misunderstanding and triggered by exaggerated noavoided at all costs. If Mr. Clintor, wants to take some time feeling ou the North Korean position, then he ought to have it. What's the rush There's always time for war. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Attempt on Crispi ROME - The greatest commotion was caused to the city to-day [June

16] by an attempt to assassinate Signor Crispi. As the Premier was going to the Chamber to-day an Anarchist fired at him with a revolver. The first shot went wide, the second shot also missed, and before he could fire again a rush was made on him from all sides and he was disarmed. During this time Signor Crispi remained impassible. He showed no sign of fear, but smiled and said it was nothing. The crowd gave him a perfect ovation, shouting "Viva Crispi!"

1919: Allies Grant Delay

PARIS - More delay! The Supreme Council again gave way to the Germans yesterday [June 16]. An official communication issued late last night said they had two more days [to sign or reject the Peace Treaty). The following is the text of this communication: "The German delegation has ment is not sufficiently long ... In view of the desire expressed by the delegation, a supplementary delay of forty-eight hours has been grant. ed to the German government is which to reply 'Yes' Ir 'No." 1944: Town Is Stormed WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE — [From our New York edition:] American forces, including

pointed out that the delay of five days given to the German Govern-

paratroopers, overwhelmed Germa resistance today [June 16] and ad vanced five miles to capture the towy of St. Sauveur-le-Vicomie, an impo tant road junction on the Cherbour peninsula. Other American units, fighting at the northern end of the beachhead, recaptured Montebour which had been taken from them ye terday in a German counter-attack The swift advance which brought S Sauveur into Allied hands placed Americans two-thirds of the was across the base of the peninsula.

A Nasty Nuclear Mess

At the heavily polluted sites where the U.S. government produced nuclear weapons for nearly 50 years, a great cleanup is now under way. Nobody can say what it will cost. The country has not made up its mind on the fundamental issues - how clean these sites should be and how fast the job should be done. This year the Energy Department will spend \$6 billion on this work, with similar outlays scheduled as far ahead as the eye can see. Uneasy about these huge costs, Congress asked its Congressional Budget Office to take a look. In response, the CBO has offered a useful discussion of the nature of environmental risk.

In some places it would be safest to do nothing for many years, leaving installations isolated and guarded until well into the next century when radiation levels will have declined. That is what the Energy Department has decided to do with eight reactors at Hanford, Washington, that for decades produced plutonium and other ingredients of nuclear explosives. To remove the reactor cores and dismantle the buildings 75 years from now would cost one-third as much, with one-third the exposure to radiation of the people doing the work, as doing it immediately.

Sometimes the cleanup creates risks - when, for example, burning dirt to destroy pollutants may blow toxic residues into the air. Unless hazardous materials are likely to leak into the atmosphere or water supplies, leaving them alone is often worth considering. The CBO suggests that the Energy Department may often be more likely to waste money by moving too fast rather than too slowly. In many places it has signed agreements with the Environmental Protection Agency and state regulators promising action on a timetable. But sometimes there is no effective technology to carry it out. In those cases it might do better to renegotiate the agreements and provide time for the

Although the nuclear weapons plants have reputations for toxic pollntion, the CBO cites EPA studies concluding that hazardous waste sites present less danger to health than many more common threats - indoor air pollntion for one, pesticide residues in food for another. The way the federal government is currently allocating its spending on environmental haz-ards is not closely related to the risks as they are assessed by the experts it has consulted.

That raises a question about the annual outlay of \$6 billion for this nuclear eleanup. It is the right figure only if the money is buying more health protection than it could if aimed at other kinds of pollution. Having spent half a century creating the messes at the nuclear installations, the country has now committed itself to correcting them. But in some of these cases it may be wiser and safer as a matter of environmental policy to leave them alone for another half-century.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment The Post-Election Europe

It is difficult to say whether Europe comes out stronger or weaker from the European Parliament elections. The drop in voter participarion demonstrates that the cheers of Europe's fans are getting weaker. Europe's impo-tence in the face of the Yugoslav tragedy, its economic decline and the spread of unemployment have not sufficed to arouse interest. The new political landscape, in any case, will bring a tendency to give precedence to the advan-tages of a wider market, postponing the deadlines for the federal constitution, monetary union, common foreign and defense policies, the Social Charter and the rights of citizens. - Il Giorno (Mulan).



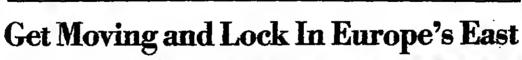
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By Flora Lewis

years to rebuild the Frauenkirche, the 18th century church that was this city's proudest monument until a massive Allied air raid in the closing days of World War II destroyed practically everything. But the work has started, stone by numbered stone.

The decision to restore Dresden to the baroque magnificence that earned it the name of Florence of the North is being carried out. Already palaces, museums, broad terraces along the stately Elbe begin to match the old paintings of the capital of Saxony, nace ane of Europe's

richest kingdoms.
This is at the heart of what reunification means in Germany, restoring the link with the past and with its European neighborhood. The Com-munist East German regime had finally started some reconstruction in the 1980s. But for a long time it deliberately left the rubble and dam-age and built only Stalin-style atroc-ities to mark the break with the past

and recall the city's passage of horror.
As Premier Kurt Biedenkopf puts it. until the collapse of communism the part of Western Europe. Now "Germany is the center of the West." That is meant psychologically and historically as well as geographically. With a Polish Pope, how can it be denied that Poland is part of Western Europe?"

Mr. Biedenkopf is a West German

Christian Democratie politician who

came east to help and is now the most

popular and successful leader in the

area. It will take up to another de-

cade, he thinks, for the "new Lander"

of the former East Germany to be-

come competitive with the West. But be is optimistic, despite strains and resentments on both sides, because there is so much belo. "Half the mon-cy we spend in Saxony." he said, "comes from the West." There are huge problems, but, compared with

the rest of ex-Communist Europe, the situation, he said, "is ideal." Jan Urban, a former Czech dissident agrees, pointing out that in addition to money and guidance, what were German Communist lands automatically acquired a judicial system and a set of laws to underpin transformation to democracy and the market. The other countries have in

struggle with that.

The lessons of his special experience are evident for Mr. Biedenkopf. The noneconomic factors are the most important, and the most difficult" he said. "The one thing you can't speed up is learning. You have to transfer knowledge in a way that bol-sters people's injured pride and makes them feel part of a community.

From this he draws the conviction that at least the Visegrad countries -Poland, the Czech Republic, Stovakia and Hungary — must quickly be as-sured of inclusion in the European Union and of NATO's concern for their security. Otherwise there will be tension on Germany's borders, tor-rents of migration, and instability that will hurt the whole of Europe.

in the West, integration could start

with economics because there was n

common economic system and the

politics were harder to merge. But for

the lands to the east it would cost too

the total of Western Europe's GNP for a decade — to bring them to a level where they could begin to sustain open competition. "So it has to start with

politics," he says, and be is impatient.
Mr. Biedenkopf's proposal is to
separate timetables for economic and political inclusion in European Union, the second much more rapid than the first, for the benefit of West as well as East. The Easterners should be advisory participants in the big 1996 European Union conference projected by the Maastricht treaty to review European institutions after the inclusion of Austria and probably the Scandinavian countries.

For the East, this assurance of prospective admission would help stabilize democracy. Dangerous reactions of disillusion and frustration are already appearing in rising nationalism and the return of Communist power structures. Fir the West, it would help reach more farsighted, wiser de-cisions on organizing the future Europe than are likely to result from

interim, tactical measures.

There is no question that the fall of the Berlin Wall and what it symbolized is going to force change in West-ern Europe. Much of its structure arose from the partition of Europe. Difficult adaptation will be necessary. for example in agriculture out off from the historical Eastern breadbasket.

This is easier to grasp in Dresden than to Western cities, where little has changed Last week's European elections showed no sense of urgency. That is an illusion. Europe is at a watershed and it must move on or berent with new upheaval,

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Var Drum On't Rush Clinton

By Richard Cohe

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When Fathers Were Fathers And Tried to Do Their Duty

By William Safire. HARPERS FERRY, West Virginia

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designer polo shirts and forget the photony-macho perfume. Lei me tell vou

what we fathers want. We want our intrinsic authority hack.

This essential prerogative of father-hood has been stolen from us by chil-

dren who want us to be their friends and hy those children's mothers who insist on shared parentalism.

Your father is certainly not your enemy but neither is he only your friend. You choose your friends; your father, if you are lucky, you have had from the start, and you are obligated to look up to

him no matter how low he may sink. He should be friendly - ready to help, willing to ask for help, able to share a confidence — hut he has an unspoken claim on his offspring's re-

spect that no friend has.

If your father taught you to call him

Perhaps nurturing is not unnurtural for a man, but women are usually better at it. Father is better at appearing to lay down the law, even if Mother in fact

hy his first name, he was a pater too familias. Whether you choose the formal "Father," the informal "Dad" or the breezy "Pops," your use of the family title is your unmistakable signal of filial deference.

On the other hand, he gets to call you vhatever he likes, kiddo. What about the new parental equality? Mother now often hrings home the bacon, or at least her fair share of it;

why shouldn't she expect Father to share child-nurturing duties along with other household tasks? That is for parents to work out between themselves, but as far as most kids are concerned, the sources of parental power are not the same. Motherpower is rooted in love, fatherpower in authority.

The nltimate maternal sanction is, "This would break your Mom's heart." The ultimate paternal guilt-implanter is, "Dad will be disappointed in you."

Perhaps nurturing is not unnurtural for a man, but it's something women are usually better at Father is better at appearing to lay down the law, especially when a tacit understanding exists that Mother is the senior partner in decisions ranging from bedtime to hud-geting for kids clothes to advice

Mothers, cops and welfare reformers

so many broken homes, or single-mother families, is one big cause of mis-directed youth.

That is why it is good for all of us to exhort nuhile males to drop the sex-assport attitude and take up their respon-

what psychological incentive can we give young fathers to do their duty? With all its trials — the nights awake, the worries about not spending quality time, adolescent rebellion, the money for college — fatherhood is tough enough; we don't have to strip away its

unique mystique of lifelong respect.

Beyond the pleasures of watching their seed miraculously develop, fathers who make the family effort need recognition as "head" of a household. Frequent challenges to that authority are affirmations, not denials, of its existence: occasional obedience also helps. The expectation of paternal authority freely, if grudgingly, given - goes with

the family territory.

Lest we forget amid advertising's din. Father's Day is a sadly empty time for

Though my father died before I was old enough to know him, I could rely on a strong mother and older hrothers for familial guidance.

Because my own son and daughter

know that my experience with fatherhood is strictly from the top down. they cut me some sentimental slack on intrinsic authority.

That's because they grasp the way the family's profound allegiance of affection differs from all other forms

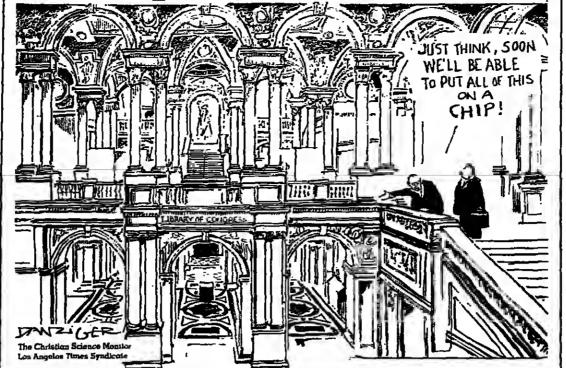
Dio Chrysostom, an ancient moral preceptor, related a conversation between Philip of Macedon and his young son Alexander, who was being instructed by Aristotle, and was destined to become Alexander the Great, ruler of the entire Western world.

King Philip asked the boy if his hero was Achilles, the legendary conqueror, The answer was no: "Achilles was in subjection to others," Alexander replied, "and went on a military expedition with a small force under the orders of a foreign general. But I would submit in no case to the control of any

Exasperated at this affront, Philip asked: "And are you not, Alexander, under my control?"

"in no way." said his son, "for I do not obey you as a king, but as a father." The New York Times,

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Why Can't We Go Again In Real Ships of the Sea?

By Hans Koning

PARIS — It continues to amaze me how fast the traditions of the sea and of seamanship of the Western world have vanished. That whole field of lore where courage and self-sacri-fice were still tested as in the days of chivalry has vanished almost without a trace.

On my last Atlantic crossing, on a Polish container ship, the captain told

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me how he regretted his hoyhood decision to go to sea. "If we only had known," he said.

known," he said.
Yes, freighters and tankers still sail the oceans, but with skeleton erews of all nationalities who, on their automated ships, usually don't have or even need a common language to com-municate in, except for the harest technical terms in English.

They have turnarounds at ports of a few hours only, and spend their off-duty time watching videos, mostly porno ones where understanding the

stitute to fight for him did not need to serve. Many paid for replacements, in-cluding two future presidents, Chester

A. Arthur and Grover Cleveland, as

well as the fathers of Theodore and

during the Normandy commemora-tions. Could be have been thinking of

the nameless guy who took his place in Vietnam? Somehow I doubt it.

JAMES ELLINTHORPE.

Melksham, England.

PHILIP BARTLETT,

Franklin Roosevell

diatogue is hardly essential. But passenger travel, now monopolized by the jet plane, has vanished and the ro-

mance of the sea with it.

Of course there are the cruise ships. In April it was announced that the London-hased P&O line had ordered a 100,000-ton ship from an Italian dockyard; it will be the biggest pas-

senger carrier ever.
Cruises are hig business, but they have precious little in common with sea travel of old. The Associated Press release announcing the ship-to-be for P&O added that the previous record was held by the old Queen Elizabeth, at 83,673 tons "the higgest cruise ship ever huilt." Now, the old Queen Elizabeth was, of course, no cruise ship; she and the Queen Mary, and the France from Le Havre, ran a weekly service for real travelers who had to he somewhere. And what a fine service it was! Slower than planes for sure (4½ or 5 days) but with a chance to catch your breath. If you deduct all the time spent on airport hassles, jet lag and other worries, it was not that much slower than flying. And what a pleasure it was for lovers of the sea.

I cannot accept that there isn't room anymore for such a service, for one weekly ship between Europe and the United States, if offered efficiently and without frills and for a cost below husiness class in the air. There are quite a number of folks around who refuse to fly or who suffer the tortures of the damaed if they have to; but I would like to stress the positive reasons. There is nothing like sitting on a deck and watching a moonlit sea or a storm-tossed sea; it beats a ton of tranquilizers. Arrive hy ship, and you

know where you are. Do not believe that cruise ships are there to keep the romance of the sea alive. Cruise ships are resort hotels, seaborne conducted tours, with all the comforts of such tours. The new P&O will perfectly illustrate this. The design pictures show that here will be a ship of unprecedented size, with pre-

cious little open deck space. "Yes, the sun will penetrate the decks," the P&O marketing director assured me - but it will be in the manner that the sun penetrates a mid-dle layer of a New York apartment huilding. There is an enclosed, snspended swimming pool. The pièce de résistance is the nighteluh, which will hang over the stern, like a container in the process of heing unloaded. A tuhe with moving floor will be its access. "It will be like being in a space ship." the marketing director said.

Well, who am I to deny that the "Star Trek" generation wants just that? I am sure it will be a thrill; but, to paraphrase old Marshal Foch, "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la mer."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The World Just Shrugs

The Holocaust was not the last case of despread murder for ethnic causes. The news media, religious and community leaders, and sometimes even school teachers and parents continue to fan hatred based on "differences." Wellmeaning social and developmental

excuse much of this on the basis of poverty, pressures on land and so on. The breakup of imperial India with the widespread massacres that followed, and the killing later in Nigeria and Biafra, may have been partly, faintly, excusable on these grounds. Perhaps they came too soon after World War II for the so-called collective conscience to

begin operating properly. sands of ethnie Chinese in Indonesia, next series of massacres. about the ethnic killings in Sri Lanka. about conflicts in Sudan, Uganda, Yugoslavia and now Rwanda (the scene of at least three horrific massacres in the Give Clinton a Break past). There were "minor" hate campaigns too, of course, in Israel-Palestine, Lebanon, South Africa, Burma and parts of the former Soviet Union, Yet h)" (May 23): religious" radio stations in the Middle

"difference" and ethnic hatred. We remain too passive in condemning Surveys published by The Washing- During the Civil War, Ahraham Lin-the first symptoms of eventual pogroms, ton Post show that Mr. Clinton's popu- coln issued the first American draft

in internal affairs of a country, the distred of Mr. Clinton, there must be one could pay \$300 or find a suitable sub-

tance of the suffering lands. In ex-Yugoslavia, the exaggerations, ward him. Why not interview them? outright lies and hatred broadcast three years ago by Serbian and Crostian radio did much to incite violence.

Nobody, as far as I know, tried to tell the respective authorities to tone down their broadcasts. Perhaps we should seek to jam such broadcasts; surely the economists, using their only tools, try to technology is available.

This certainly should have been done in Rwanda, where Radio Mille Collines and other outlets called for killings.

And what about our schools? Are the importance of the Geneva conventions and the Convention on the Rights of the Child being taught? What about respect for one's neighbors? Can we not do more to curb violence in the media? Are a travel schedule; but in fact those of us But years later the world was strange- the UN and other bodies shouting loudly silent about the massacres of thou- ly enough? No? Then brace now for the

SAMIR S. BASTA. Geneva.

Regarding "America to Clinton: We Have You! [Go Ahead, Take It Personal-

Ann Devroy describes a "visceral re-East and Iran, fascist movements in action" of hatred toward Mr. Clinton in Germany and other parts of Western America. So consistently does she write Europe, and several minority leaders in articles critical of the administration the United States still fan the flames of that one wonders if the "visceral reaction" is largely her own.

hiding behind any of a long list of ex-cuses: freedom of press, noninterference for every person having a "visceral" have the eligible. However, anyone who

I write to express disappointment with Ann Devroy's June 9 article ("Clin-I notice that Mr. Clinton shed a tear

CHARLES COVELL

Helsinki.

ton Walks Oxford's Halls of Protest")
relating to President Bill Clinton's visit to Oxford University. This was one of the few times this or any other U.S. president has reached out to Americans living overseas. Yet the article showed tittle evidence of first-hand knowledge; for the most part it could have been written beforehand. It says the president

"lcoked and sounded exhausted," and

well he might have at the end of such

with a "viscerally" positive attitude to-

Elephantine Subtlety who saw him were struck by his vigor and good cheer. It was an act of political courage on the part of the president to come to Oxford, and we in the American com-

munity here appreciate it. DANIEL W. HOWE.

Oxford, England. Ducking the Draft

With the recent D-Day commemoration, the fact that President Bill Clin-ton avoided military service has been hrought up again. Perhaps it is worth shedding light on an overlooked historical footnote.

Regarding "Peres's Letter on Jerusa-lem Does Away With 'Forever'" (Opin-ion, June 14) by William Sofire;

As a speech writer for President Richard Nixon. William Safire was, if not inspiring, at least highly inspired. As a linguist, his articles are exquisite and fascinating. As a Middle East commentator, he is simplistic, more worried by the "step-hy-step shrinkage of the state of Israel" than disturbed by its elastic expansions. He obstinately displays the subtlety and delicacy of an elephant in a porcelain boutique.

As for Jerusalem, please advise Mr. Safire never to say forever.

delegate to the United Kingdom.

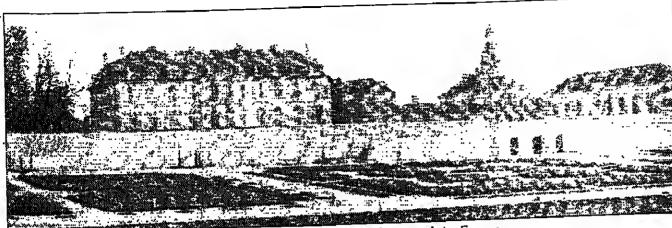
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The Château de Grand-Lucé in the Loire Valley; June is garden month in France.

Touring France's Great Gardens

By Jean Rafferty

ARIS - It's June and France is in the grip of garden mania. The snip of pruning shears and the thud of the spade echoes from rooftop Pari-sian terraces to château parterres. With an enthusiasm they once reserved for tennis or golf, French gardeoers-to-be are throoging to a host of horticultural fairs.

The latest one, L'Art du Jardin, was spread over almost 10 acres (four hectares) of the Parc de Saint-Cloud on the western edge of Paris and attracted 55,000 visitors. Inspired by the Chelsea Garden Show, it featured 20 model gardens ranging from a minimalist Zen design to a farmhouse flower patch complete with geese and a goat. Also displayed were the wares of 200 ourseries, craftsmen and artists and garden furniture and equipment.

"It's intoxicating, but it's high time," said Jacques Gérard, a fair exhibitor, of the green-thumh boom. As owner of the 60-acre La Fosse hotanical park in the Loire Valley. he was hoping to attract more visitors to the historical landmark garden his family has

ourtured and expanded sioce 1751.

At the next table, the garden designer Pierre Joyaux was showing pictures of the rose garden and four other gardens he is restoring at the château at Ainay-le-Vieil. He said that Ainay was one of "a hundred projects to restore historic gardeos" he is working on, "Tourists are bored just looking at the châtelain's ancestral portraits." he

says. "The garden is an added attraction.

There is burgeoning passion for the porager, or kitchen garden. At the beautifully restored 17th-century floral and vegetable potager of Saint-Jean-de-Beauregard at Les Ulis, just south of Paris, the Vicorntesse de Curel is reaping the benefits. "We have husloads of garden lovers from England, America and even New Zealand coming to visit," she said. In the 17th century, the fashion for grand

design began at the top with Louis XIV and his Versailles gardener, Andre Le Notre. It's the same today. As a finishing touch to his Grand Louvre project, President François Mitterrand is revamping the Le Nôtre redesigned Tuileries gardens. With twice as many

visitors as the Louvre itself, the Tuileries was in dire need of rehabilitation.

At the launch of the seventh annual govern-ment-sponsored "Visit a Garden in France" campaign, Culture Minister Jacques Toubon and Environment Minister Michel Barnier inspected the progress of the Tuileries' 300 million franc (\$35 million) renaissance. The results, which should be ooticeable by the end of the month, are best viewed from I. M. Pe's new terrace, which now links the Tuileries to the gardens of the Carrousel.

The garden campaign in June is highlighted hy a number of open days and events in many private gardens. A guide to 190 out-standing French gardens is available from most French tourist offices. One of the most amusing exhibitions is of the winners of a scarecrow contest at the Potager du Roy. Louis XIV's vegetable garden at Versailles. Guided tours leave from 6 Rue Hardy at 2:30 P.M. Wednesday through Sunday.

The French are designing contemporary Parisian parks. Surprising, eveo perturbiog to garden classicists, but well worth discovering, the 19-mooth-old Parc André-Citroen on the south hank of the Seine in the 15th arroodissemeot is an impressive demonstration of the oew genre. Separated hy a fountain of 120 jets, two giant glass greenhouses, punctuated by towering teak-veneered columns, dominate the almost 35-acre park.

which incorporates 14 gardens.

What looks grandiose couldn't be more visitor-friendly. A vast central lawn is open for visitors to walk, sit or recline upon. In six small gardens, each dedicated to a color and a

HEAR THIS

■ A Japanese firm has put out a CD called "The Frog Chorus," a concert by 36 species, alone and together. "We first planned to make an insect song CD." a sales executive sold Reuter, "but their voices are so high they sound unnatural." No whales, huh?

sense, one can linger in a blue arbor of fragrant wisteria or taste red cherries in season A black garden of deep purple iris and dark pines is ringed by hrilliant splashes of pink rhododendron and flaming azalea.

Gallic garden fever has even gone indoors, in two Paris gallery shows. At Arteurial notil July 9, Claude Lalanne's gilded bronze art jewelry features a mimosa oecklace, lilac earrings and a silver onion watch. There's also a hutterfly chair, and a garden snake io her gilded paradise decorates a bedside ta-hle. Pierre Passebon's Gaierie du Passage spotlights the architect-gardener Kim Moltzer's sleek furniture designs until June 15. Celery stalks inspired the legs of a chaise longue, bamboo, a "bouquet" of lamps, and a fountain takes its form from giant gunnera leaves from the Amazon.

Moltzer will also be opening the gardens of his Normandy Chateau de Billeul to the work of seven contemporary artists from the end of June throughout the summer.

At another country show, at La Garenne Lemot in Clisson near Nantes until Sept. 4, the potager cops uo again as the focus for a rare exhibition of watercolors of flowers and vegetables from the private archives of the Vilmorin seed family. Cleverly set by the Parisian florist Christian Tortu with arrangements of fresh flowers, aruchokes, asparagus and melons, two rooms of 238 paintings disappoint only because one wishes Vilmorin had shown more of its reputed 9,000 docu-

But the discovery of La Garenne estate and the town of Clisson, a little piece of Italy in Brittany, is compensation. Back from Rome just after the Revolution, the sculptor François-Frédéric Lemot designed a neo-classical Italian villa, rustic farmhouse and park, buying the ruins of the Clisson chateau to safeguard his view. The town rehuilt in a similar siyle. A promenade in the park along the river Sevre reveals a picturesque grotto. two temples and "Rousseau's rock." hut also modern additions, including a large, garish gnome - the very definition of why a gnome is persona non grata in the tasteful garden.

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Venice 'Nightlife'? The Trick Is to Find It

By John Brunton

ENICE - It's hard to believe there is any city in the world without a discothèque, but that's pretty much the case with Venice. For the millions of travelers who pass through the city each year, nightlife doesn't

Visiting Venice means walking for most of the day, and for many tourists getting a good night's sleep after dinner is all that's on their minds, oot the prospect of clubbing the night away. Mosi restaurants call last orders around 9 P.M. and it is oearly impossible to get a drink in a bar much after 11 P.M.

Ask your hotel concierge what's on offer after-hours, and he will lamely suggest the hotel bar or an excursion to the Piazza San Marco for an overpriced cocktail in the Caffe Florian. Sitting in a velvet armchair in one of the gilded salons of Florian is nice. hut it can't be described as "hitting the

There is only one real nightspot in the city worth tracking down, the Malvasia Vecchia. Hidden away behind the Fenice, Venice's opera house, the cluh is in the corner of a

tiny courtyard off the Fondamenta de la Malvasia Vecchia. The name refers to slightly sweet, sherry-type wine from a group of islands off the Istrian coast, which is served in the club.

There is no point arriving too early, as nothing gets going till around midnight, and there are two exotically named locations worth checking out beforehand: Paradiso Perduto and La Dolce Vita. Paradiso Perduto is a huge, noisy bar on the aptly named Fondamenta de la Misericordia, always lively, slightly louche. La Dolce Vita, by contrast, is smart and chic, with reasonably priced cocktails and great fresh pasta.

You won't hear loud music blaring outside the Malvasia Vecchia as any nightspot in Venice has to be soundproofed to deter complaints from the neighbors. Still, as you walk down the dimly lighted alleyway that leads into the Corte Malatina, you will know you're in the right place, as there is usually a crowd waiting.

There is no entrance fee, but to get around licensing laws the cluh is officially a "cultural association," which requires membership. If you're a foreigner and you bring your passport, however, there is normally no problem getting in.

The decor is minimalist, kind of neo-rustic ine accor is minimalist, and of aco-rustic with cream walls, open bricks and blackened beams. Although the place gets packed, the atmosphere remains casual, with clients ranging from students to businessmen. The restaurant serves late, so you can get a meal at 2 in the morning — a miracle in Venice.

There is no particular closing hour, al-though according to the owner, Alfredo — a former glass artist from Murano who was reluctant to have his last name published—
it is always well after 3 A.M. When you leave the club, he sure not to take the wrong passage out of the courtyard. It leads straight into a canal.

Malvasia Vecchia, 2586 Corie Malnifica Malvasia Vecchia, 2586 Corte Malniba.
San Marco. Tel: 520.5757 Open thaily from
7:30 P. M. No entry fee, annual membership of
10,000 lire (\$6). Draught beer 5,000 lire (\$3),
cocktails 7,000 lire. A meal of pasta followed,
by grilled steak or fish costs about 30,000 lire.
La Dolce Vita, 2824 Rio Tera de le Scon-

zera, Dorsoduro. Tel: 523.1115.
Paradiso Perduta, 2540 Fondamenta de la Misericordia, Cannaregio. Tel: 720.581.

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Barnabo Delle Mon-

Mario Brenta, Italy.

A film of stony silences, savage landscapes, and wordless, ex-pressionless drama. "Barnabo Delle Montagne" (Barnabo of the Mountains) is based on Dino Buzzati's novel about a mountain ranger who inexplicacity flees during a gunfight with a group of bandits. Set in the rugged Dolomite mountains in the northeast of Italy, Mario Bren-ta's film is full of striking scenery, imposing, jagged peaks and alpine panoramas that are strangely claustrophobic and oppressive, Brenta, a student of Ermanno Olmi, creates a realistic facsimile of the sights, sounds and, most of all, the rhythms of life in the mountains. Unfortu-nately, he fails to emulate Olmi's extraordinary capacity to people his landscape with three-dimensional characters. Instead of being economical with his dialogue in accordance with the reality of mountain life - Brenta is

downright stingy. And the film

suffers for it. Played by Marco Pauletti, who is a real-life moun-rain ranger, Barnabo is neither protagonist nor victim, but simply an ultimately uninteresting enigma. Despite its spectacular photography, and the admirably realistic reproduction of the cadence of Alpine living, Brenta's film might just as well have been a series of still photographs ac-companied by the sound of an Alpine thunderstorm.

(Ken Shulman, IHT)

Speed Directed by Jan De Bont.

The summertime oo-hrainer oeedn't he eotirely without brains. It can be as savvy as "Speed." the runaway-hus movie that delivers wall-to-wall action, a feat that's never as easy as it seems. This film's dialogue isn't much more literate than a hus schedule, but its plotting is smart and breathless enough to make up for that. "Speed" pre-sents a falling elevator, a hi-

jacked suhway train, the above-

mentioned bus and Jack Traven (Keanu Reeves), the Los Angeles Police Department troubleshooter whose business is solving such problems. As directed with no-frills efficiency by Jan De Bont, the cinematographer on films including "Die Hard," "Basic Instinct" and "Black Rain," "Speed" takes its cue from its title. This film's sole objective is to keep moving, preferably at a pace that keeps the viewer from asking ques-

(Janet Maslin, NYT)

Les Roseaux Sauvages Directed by André Téchiné.

Wild reeds bend but do not break in the storm. This fable from La Fontaine is the central image of Andre Techine's new movie about growing up in the '60s, A country wedding, a boys' school provincial flirtations and frustrations with fallout from the Algerian War - the opening scenes are set on familiar ground, and then the ground

young Communist believes François (Gaël Morel) bas doubts about everything, especially his sexuality, his love object is not Malte, his childhood sweetheart, but earthy Serbia (Stephane Rideau). This house the sexual initiation is witnessed by: Henri (Frédéric Gorsy), a suit. unwilling student whose family was forced to leave Algeria. Henri has tierce colonial loyal. ties and the makings of a fascist He flunks his tests, keeps the radio glued to his ears for news from home, and a malesolent; eye on his classmates. Bent on some kind of betrayai or destruction, he is, in the words of a teacher, not a reed but an oak, he, will not bend, but break. And the movie is more about change than set ideas, love and sex than politics, Technie, who has timed. out numerous mournful provinstately Catherine Deneave has done something surprising. He has made a film with new faces that looks like a good first film. (Joan Dupons, IHT)

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Amex to Extend Mileage Plan

By Jacques Neher Internutional Herald Tribune

ARIS - Some 100,000 American Express cardholders who reside in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, but who settle their accounts in dollars, will be able to join the company's fre-

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quent-flier program this fall.
"We're dotting the i's and crossing the i's on the contracts now, and we will be making a mailing to our dollar-card customers for the program in September," said John Petersen, vice president of American Express Travel Related Services in London.

Over the past year, the company has intro-duced its Membership Miles program to local-currency customers in Britain, Germany, France, Spain and Switzerland, but dollar-card holders were not permitted to claim the same benefits.

The program rewards users of the card by granting them points corresponding to the amount of their expenditures. These points can be applied to customer-fidelity programs

run by participating hotels and airlines.

The company had said that airlines and hotel chains were initially more interested in targeting local-currency cardholders, which they viewed as a market segment different from dollar-card customers. The company also said that it needed time to develop a regime acceptable to its partners for cooverting dollar-points that would be used to purchase services priced in European currencies. Petersen said the scheme for dollar-card

customers would probably include four air-

would be named when the promotion is Sixteen airlines participate in the program

across Europe, but not one of the largest carriers. Sritish Airways.

Petersen said the company had been pleased with the results of the program as it has become available to its more than 4 million cardholders in Europe. In 8niain, for example he said 20 percent of Amex card-holders had enrolled in the program, and these customers have increased expenditures on the card - the company's ultimate goal by 40 to 50 percent.

The local-currency frequent flier scheme will be launched to Italy in September and in most other major countries by the end of the

turnes) and matching them with similar works by other composers such as Webern, Rameau and Poulenc JAPAN Machida

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22, 26 and July 2.

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BELQIUM

De Vlaamse Opera, tel: (9) 223-06-81. Handel's "Orlando." Directed by Robert Carsen, conducted by Paul Dombrecht, with Patricia Bardon, Lynne Dawson and David Pritsinger. June 22 (premiere), 25, 27 and 29.

BRITAIN

London

British Museum, tel: (71) 323-8525, open daily. To Sept. 18. "Beauty and the Banknote: Images of Women on Paper Money." On the occasion of the Bank of England's 300th anniversary, the exhibition explores the significance of images of women on papar money. Some ara blatant propaganda, but all enhance the status of the currency, proclaim the weelth of a bank or the glory of a nation.

Tate Gallery, Iel: (71) 887-8000.
open daily. To Sept. 4: "R.B. Kitaj: A
Retrospective." Works by the British
figurative painter. The exhibition includes 60 paintings and 40 drawings and pastels done after Kitaj's arrival in England in 1958. The exhibition will travel to Los Angeles and New

FRANCE

Musée des Beaux-Arts, tel: 56-10-Musee des Beaux-Aris, tel: 56-10-17-17, closed Tuesdays. To Aug. 21: "La Peimure a Naples au 17a Sie-cle," Works by 17th-century Napolitan painters, including works by Ca-ravaggio, The Spanish-born Ribera and Giordano.

Paris
Bibliothèque Historiqua da la Villa
de Paris, lel: 44-59-29-70, closed
Mondays. To Sepl. 25: "Plans de
Paris du 16e au 18e Siecle." Maps of
Paris dating back to the 16th century
and showing the evolution and Iransformations of the city.
Grand Palals, tel: 44-13-17-17,
closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To
Aug. 28: "Impressionnisme: Les Origines, 1859-1869." Focuses on the
influences that led young painlars
such as Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Manet and Degas to Impressionism. net and Degas to Impressionism. Opera Comique, tel: 42-96-12-20.
Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette." Directed by Nicolas Joel, conducted by Michel Plasson, with Roberto Alagna and Nucia Focile. June 24, 26, 28 and 30.

Orangerie da Bagatella, lel: 45-00-22-19. June 17 lo July 14: "11e Fes-tival Chopin a Paris." Fourteen recitals illustrating Chopin's various styles (scherzos, polonaises, noc-

Machida City Museum of Graphte Arts, tel: (427) 26-2771, closed Mondays. To July 17: "Vision of Death from 1500 to 1994," 200 GERMANY Oper der Stadt Bonn, 1el: (228) 72-81. A new production of Beethoven's "Fidelio." Directed by Peter Eschberg, conducted by Dennis Russell Davles, with Michael Volle, Stephen Bronk, Peter Seiffert/Paul Lyon and Barbara Daniets. June 18 (premiere), 20, 26, 28 and 30. Deam from 1500 to 1994," 200 works depicting the death of human beings, with works by European artists such as Durer, Goya and Delacrotx and 20th-century Japanese artists such as Shuzo Takiguchi and Kenji Kifagawa.

PORTUGAL

villa Hogel, tel: (2011 41-39-81, open daily. To Nov. 13: "Pans – Belle Epoque 1880 to 1910: Fascination of a World City." Recalls Parisian lite as reflected in art and artilacts from 1880 to 1910. Includes 700 politicals absolute table. Lisbon Teatro Nacional da São Carlos, tel. 346-8408. Janacak's "Vec Makropu-los." Directed by Bernard Sobel, conducted by Rudolf Krecmer with Sophia Larson, Stuart Kale and Va-lentin Jar. June 26, 28 and 30. paintings, photographs, as well as jewelry, silver, glass, furnitura and fashions of the time,

SPAIN Madrid

Hamburgische Staataopar, tel: (40) 35-68-454. Verdi's "Auda." Di-rected by John Dew, conducted by Michael Halasz, with Maria Gulegh-Museo del Prado, lel: (911 420-28-36, closed Mondays. To Sept. 4: "Sebastiano del Piombo." Various ine, Giorgio Lamberti and Livia Bu-dai. July 1, 5, 14 and 17. paintings and preparatory drawings by the 16th-century Spanish paintar showing his influence on Spanish art-ists in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Stuttgart Statistheater Stuttgart, ial: (711) 2-03-20. Wagner's "Die Meistarsinger von Nomberg." Directed by Hans Neuenleis, conducted by Gabriele Ferro with Wollgang Probst and Matthias Holle. June 19 (premiere), SWITZERLAND

Geneva Petit Paleis, tel: (22) 346-14-33, open daily. To end Oct.: "La Familia Vue par les Peintres, de Bezille a Picasso." A century of paintings rep-resenting various aspects of family lila, with works by Bazitle, Valtal, Kisl-ing, Lhote, Laurencin and Picasso. Palazzo Grassi, tel: (41) 522-1375, To Nov. 6; "Rinascimento — Da Bru-nelleschi a Michelangelo: La Rappre-sentazione dell' Architettura." Fol-

Pully/Lausanne

Musée d'Art Contemporain, lel: (21) 729-91-46, open daily. To Sept. 25: "Picasso Contemporain." More than 80 paintings, sculptures, drawings and ceramics created dur-lot the let? 30 years of the site!" seriazione dell' Architettura," Fol-lowing the restauration of Antonio da Sangallo'a 1539 wood model of tha Basilica di San Pietro, the exhibition brings together all the major special-ists in the field, from Ackermann and Frommel to Bruschi and Da Seta, and ing the last 20 years of the artist's life. Zurich features 30 architectural models built during the 15th and 16th centuries. Museum der Stadtenwässerung, tel: 435-5511, closed Mondays, To

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On June 19: "Nicolas de Stael." Hô-On June 19: "Masson and Matta: On June 19: "Nicolas de Stael." Hotel de Ville, Paris.
On June 19: "Robert Mapplethorpe."
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona.
On June 19: "Picasso: Die Sammbung Ludwig." Museum des 20.Jh,
Vienna.
On June 19: "Japonisme in Fashlon." National Museum of Modern
Art. Kvolo.

um of Art, Yokohama, Japan.
On June 19: "L'Art des Sculpteurs
Tainos; Chets-d'Oeuvre des Grandes
Antilles Precolombiennes." Musée
du Petit Palais, Paris.
On June 19: "Kosode Byobu: A Kaleidensen et Este Medere Kirse leidoscope of Early Modern Kimo-nos." National Museum, Kyoto.

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By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

EIMS, France - A little more than 10 years ago, Elyane and Gerard Boyer transferred their Micbelin three-star restaurant to a stunning 18th-century-style château sur-rounded by seveo hectares of immaculate grounds and towering trees. It was part of a long Boyer journey, from the family larm in the Auvergne to the chalky vineyards of Champagne, where Gerard's father, Gaston, opened a restaurant in 1961.

In 1983, as the plaster dust was settling around the restored house, built in 1900 by the Pommery family of Champagne fame, and the restorers packed up their tools for the final time, the Boyers entered the home that was to become their new botel and restaurant. Elyane gasped: "Formidable!" As she remembers, her husband did not miss a beat, correcting her with one crisp sentence: "In 10 years, it will be formidable." (He must have remembered French mentorchef Jean Delaveyne's warning: "It may take seven years to be a doctor, but 50 years to be

In truth, it didn't take that long. Boyer's food has always had a crisp edge in the positive sense, elegant food that matches the surroundings, unburdened by all that chichi baggage so many country restaurants are convinced are de rigueur. And to my mind, this is the most romantic spot in France for a weekend idyll.

From the outside, their life looks glamorous. By their sheer joy in the place, they almost convince you that all this was handed to them on a silver platter, complete with several glasses of vintage Champagne. The secret, of course, is always to make it look casy and effortless.

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If France has taught me one thing, it's the value of maintenance - of body, mind, and soul. The Boyers are fine examples of that, for their château sparkles with care, attention and love. Each year, two or three of the botel's 16 rooms are totally refurbished. Chef Boyer's kitchen is a spotless, busy-bee network of activity, his potager, or vegetable garden, should be on a garden lover's tour. And while the series of elegant dining rooms holds a quantity of diners, the Boyers somehow manage to make you feel as though you're there alone, and the staff only bas

eyes for you. If someone asked me where to find a prime example of French haute cuisine io 1994, I'd be sure to put Boyer on the list, for his food reflects the value of classic training, experience and maturity. There's oo camouflage here, nothing about his food you can't "get." Yet he does much more than search out great produce, fish and poultry and plop it on a plate.

Take his saumon fumé à la minute, au artful morsel of salmoo filet that is smoked and cooked at the same time. Too often, smoking overpowers an ingredient, and the food ends up tasting of nothing but smoke, indigestible at that But Boyer cooks the salmon in a stove-top smoker ever so briefly, preserving the moistness and richness of the salmon, which is infused with just a hint of smoke. The salmon is removed from the smoker seconds before it arrives at the table. paired with warm, sliced potatoes, which are dressed with cream tossed with caviar at the last second.

Equally simple, equally sublime are his ultra-fresh Brittany langoustines split and roasted in the shell, glazed with a touch of nearly caramelized sauce, paired with a tangle of vegetables.

Each of these dishes paired beautifully with Hugel's 1989 Riesling Tradition, a textnow, yet has years to go before it peaks.

On the red wine from, another lovely

marriage was made of Jayer's 1985 Hautes Côtes-de-Noits (full of berry-ricb fruit and balanced acidity) and Boyer's unfussy roast pigeon. He roasts the young bird to moist, pink perfection, separates the juicy breast, then envelops the leg in a thin sheet of phyllo dough, and roasts it. The result is a multilayered, multitextured feast. He embellishes this with only a few thin stalks of green asparagus, so there's oo distraction, no competition for the palate.

Each week Boyer spotlights a different Champagne, and a current offering was Laurent Perrier's Grand Siècle, a buttery, rich full-flavored Champagne that served as a brilliant palate-opening aperitif.

1 am an adoring fan of puckery rhubarb

and found his rhubarb ice cream state-ofthe-art, a blend of tangy, acid, sweet and rich. But the accompanying rhubarb tart — in which the rhubarb was all but reduced to a purce in a shell - was too refined for me.

Are there other flaws in paradise? Yes, I wish restaurants would stop serving white toast, which inevitably goes stale the second it leaves the toaster. And with electronic technology at such heights, why should diners have to be inconvenienced by cumbersome electrical cords and switches draped across a table, so that a single lamp (which hampers your view of fellow diners) can be lighted? Finally, if I ruled the world, plastic outdoor tables would be permanently banned.

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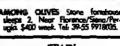
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By William Branigin

Washington Post Service MANILA - They're at it again. When last heard from Philippine movie censors were under siege for demanding cuts in "Schindler's List," the Academy Award-winning film on the Holocaust by Steven Spielberg. Then came an uproar over "The Piano," the June Campion film that won three Oscars, which the censors in effect banned

Both decisions were eventually over-

turned amid scathing criticism, but the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board, as the censors' panel is officially known, has remained unde-

Now it has hanned "Belle Epique." the Spanish production that won this year's Oscar for best foreign language film. The decision has enraged moviegoers anew, offended the Spanish Embassy here and created a potentially embarrassing distraction for a visit to Spain by President Fidel V. Ramos.

Members of Congress and editorialists have renewed rails for the neard's abelition, and a Supreme Court justice has bliened its members to "sour spinsters always fearing — or hoping — to see a man under the bed."

But the Philippine censors are not alone. Other censorship boards in Southeast Asia have also surred controversy lately by imposing cuts or puns on move ies that they deemed not only sexually, hat sometimes politically, incorrect. In Indonesia, the world's largest pre-

Committee for World Muslim Solidarity denounced it, sight unseen, as "nothing hu! Zionist propaganda." A spokesman for the organization added. From history we can see that the

Jonath people were always trying to

after nearly two months of deliberations.

citing what they considered excessive

violence and nudity. But even before the

him arrived in Indonesia for review by

the censorship board, the Jakarta-based

banned on grounds that it was intended to "make the world forget about the only." cruelty of the Jews against the Palestin-

In Malaysia, a controversy over "Schindler's List" embroiled top government officials and eventually ended in an impasse that kept the picture from being screened. A government censors

dominantly Muslim country, censors spread their influence through the use of board in the Muslim-dominated country initially banned it in March because, as media which they control. scholars also called for the film to be the distributor. The story reflects the privilege and virtues of a certain race

Malaysia reconsidered the ban, but the censorship board then demanded seven cuts in scenes depicting violence and "immorality." Deputy Home Minister Megat Junid, responding angrily to

the distributor's rejection of any cuts -

the director has insisted that the movie

be shown in its entirety or not at al: said: Spielberg does not run this country. We own this country." The frim has not been shown.

In the Philippines, censors were apparently unchastened by Mr. Rairws & decision in March to merrule their de-mand for cuts in "Schindlet's List." The censors' board had been scandaized by a few brief bedroom sequences, notably what it described as a couple of "double breast exposures" and a dreaded "pumping scene."

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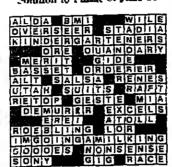
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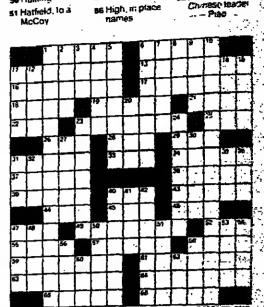
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Japanese Surplus **Narrows**

Gap With U.S. Widened in May

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — Japan's trade sur-plus in May dropped to \$6.54 bil-lion, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday, ending a five-month trend of rising surpluses.

The customs-cleared trade sur-

However, Japan's politically contentious trade surplus with the United States widened to an unadiusted \$3.04 billion in May, from \$2.83 billion a year earlier. Meanwhile, American and Japa-

nese negotiators agreed Thursday to delay a decision on whether to continue the semiconductor trade agreement - one of the most visible areas of trade friction - and occasional harmony -- between the

A U.S. trade official said the American side hoped to continue the semiconductor agreement until its expiration in July 1996, but Japan is still reviewing its position. The high yen helped dampen the

growth of Japan's exports by boosting the price of goods. Exports rose 4.2 percent in May to \$28.07 billion from a year earlier, while imports climbed 12.3 percent to \$21.54 billion.

Exports to the United States increased by 7.8 percent to \$8.05 billion and imports by 7.9 percent to \$5.01 billion.

Imports from Asia were particularly strong, growing twice as fast as imports from the United States and the European Union.

The semiconductor talks emphasized harmony following an an-nouncement earlier in the week that foreign semiconductors continued to hold more than 20 percent of Japan's market in the first quarter of 1994,

Because it sets a 20 percent target for market share, the pact is seen by the Clinton administration as a model for future "results-oriented" trade agreements. Many in Tokyo feel Washington has unfairly used the target to browbeat Ja-(AP, Revders)

Cuba Dressing for Trade Latins See U.S. Embargo as Cold War Relic

By James Brooke

New York Times Service
CARTAGENA, Colombia — Tailoring his attire to a changing foreign policy, President Fidel Castro of Cuba has broken his 35-year tradition of only wearing clive green military uniforms in pub-lic and bas appeared at a meeting with Latin America's civilian heads of state bere by wearing a

white cotton guavahera shirt.
"We are all used to the general in clive green. and now he is in a guayabera," commented César Gaviria Trujillo, Colombia's president and bost to the annual Ibero-American summit meeting. "We

think this represents a good change."

Mr. Castro looked slightly ill at ease in his public debut in civilian clothes, but it is generally assumed here that he donned the loose shirt out of more than a desire to comply with his Colombian bosts' request for informality at this tropical beach

Gradually emerging from decades of isolation in the Americas, Cuba over the last five years has tripled Latin America's slice of its foreign trade, from 7 percent in 1990 to 21 percent today.

With trade and investment growing steadily, Latin American leaders are increasingly open in their objections to the United States' 32-year trade and diplomatic embargo of the Communist-ruled

In an indirect slap at U.S. policy, the leaders of 19 Latin American nations and of Spain and Portugal approved a communique calling for the elimination unilateral economic and trade boycotts. The communique was a victory for Mr. Castro.

who on Tuesday, as the summit meeting began, complained that "no one has said a word about the criminal and unjust blockade that for more than 30 years has been imposed on my country."

But blunt language in support of lifting the embargo was heard last week at a meeting in Brazil of foreign ministers of member nations of the Organization of American States, A Panamanian diplomat said the 1962 suspension of Cuba from the OAS as "a relic of the Cold War."

Calls for Cuba's return were heard from some of the organization's most powerful members — Brazil, Canada, Mexico and Venezuela — as well as from most of the Central American republics. When the organization's secretary-general, João

Clemente Baena Soares, received a standing ova-tion when he asked, "Hasn't the time come to re-admit Cuba to the Latin American family?" The U.S. ban on business with Cuba costs U.S. companies \$6 billion a year in lost opportunities,

according to Representative Charles B. Rangel, a New York Democrat. Mr. Rangel has sponsored a bill to lift the trade embargo, but President Bill Clinton has shown no

signs of shifting policy on the issue. Meanwhile, companies in other nations are signing deals with Cuba. Next week, Canadian officials, who have described the U.S. embargo as "unhealthy," are expected to announce a renewal

of Canadian foreign aid to Cuban congovernmental groups. Aid was suspended in 1978 to protest Cuba's military intervention in Angola. As in much of the Americas, Canada's softer line toward Cuba reflects a steady growth in trade and investment since the collapse of the Soviet bloc five years ago. Last year, 130,000 Canadian tourists visited Cuba, accounting for 28 percent of the

This week, a Mexican company signed a \$1.5 billion deal to rehabilitate Cuba's decrepit tele phone system. The deal dwarfs an additional \$150 million in Mexican investments that have been announced in the 1990s.

Two weeks ago, Spain, which accounts for a quarter of Cuba's 100 joint ventures with foreign companies, signed an investment protection treaty

We have been progressively strengthening our relations with the rest of Latin America," Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada, the president of Cuba's National Assembly, said. There is important Mexican investment now, Brazil is buying medicines, Tourism is increasing. There are concrete opportunities for Latin American countries to invest

Inflation Fears Undercut Dollar And Hurt Bonds

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - Fears of rising inflation once again rolled through Europe's financial markets on Thursday, propelling the dollar briefly to a new low for the year and pounding stocks and bonds.

The dollar briefly fell below

1.6280 Deutsche marks, considered to be a crucial level. In early May. when the American currency last touched that level it prompted massive central bank intervention which was conspicuously absent

In spite of the dollar's weakness, analysts suggested that they would be surprised to see any central bank

They noted that the moves that have occurred have come on extremely low trading volumes and, crucially, that they have not been the sort of sharp and disorderly movements that traditionally galvanize central bankers into action.

Government bond yields soared in Germany and stocks olunged to new lows for the year in France as concerns about inflation, due to rising commodity and oil prices, led institutional investors to dump

Stock averages dropped in Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Norway, and Switzerland. In France, the CAC-40 [ell 23.58 points to 1,942.81, its lowest level since last

In European bond markets

where the swings have been far more volatile, analysts noted that they, too, have come on extremely

Among the benchmark 10-year government bond yields, German returns rose to 7.13 percent from 7.02 percent. French yields were up to 7.67 percent from 7.49 percent and British gilts rose to 8.74 per-cent from 8.60 percent.

Few analysts see any prospect for a rebound in the dollar soon. "The dollar's downward moves are getting more and more sus-tained while its rallies are getting soggier and soggier," said Malcolm Barr, a currency economist at Chemical Bank in London. "Its

bond markets on edge. Avinash Persaud, head of currency research at J.P. Morgan in London said the U.S. currency could hit 1.60 DM as soon as the end of this month.

weakness is keeping European

"Its weakness is based on the fear that the Federal Reserve has monetary policy now set on neutral but that neutral is highly inappropriate for an economy growing as last as the United States," explained Mr. Persaud.

Dollar bulls have been beaten into hibernation. At NatWest Markets, the chief bond and currency strategist, Robert Thomas, hazarded the opinion that the dollar now

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OPEC Delays Naming New Secretary

island's total.

Compiled by Ose Staff From Dispatches

VIENNA - Ministers of the Oranization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on Thursday failed to break a political stalemate over the choice of a successor to OPEC Secretary-General Subroto.

Instead, they made the OPEC The day-to-day work of running president and Libya's oil minister, Abdulla Salem Badri, acting OPEC be handled by OPEC Governor for Instead, they made the OPEC

secretary-general until their next meeting Nov. 16, delegates said.

The secretary-general, who is appointed for three years, is chiefly responsible for administrating the OPEC secretariat in Vienna. He often mediates between ministers, who set OPEC policy.

Libva, Alí Fituri, Mr. Subroto said. The ministers had reached a deadlock trying to choose between

Analysts said the deadlock re-

Venezuelan and Iranian candi-

flected old political rivalries between Iran, which sought the job who is now ambassador in Tokyo.

For the past nine years, the com-

mission has exempted carmakers

The ruling by the European Court of Justice, which upholds a

lower court decision in December

1991, allows dealers or middlemen

Before the rulings, Peugeot had

and its "moderate" Arab Gulf

Mr. Subroto is due to step down at the end of this month after six years of acting as OPEC's ambassador worldwide

A proposal to change OPEC statutes to allow Mr. Subroto to for Hossein Kazempour Ardebili, a stay on temporarily or for a third veteran Iranian OPEC delegate three-year term wasn't supported

Car prices often vary 20 percent

or more from country to country.

Much of that has to do with the

sharp devaluation two years ago of

back to their home markets, where

they offer lower prices and still

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Interest Rates Put Pressure On Builders The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - U.S. builders cut construction of single-family bouses in May for the second straight month, reflecting apprehension over a slewdown in home sales due to rising interest rates.

Analysts said rising rates will curb activity for the rest of the year. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond yield has risen from 6.4 percent at the start of the year to more than 7.3 per-

The Commerce Department said housing starts rose 2.6 percent in May, to a seasonally adjusted 1.51 million annual rate, but the growth was en-

tirely in apartment buildings. Single-family starts, which represent 80 percent of housing construction, shpped 0.5 percent, to a 1.20 million rate. They had fallen 5 percent in

Separately, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment ben-efits fell by 11,000 last week to a scasonally adjusted 348,000, lowest in nearly two months.

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

Many Can Learn From Soviet Downfall

By Reginald Dale onal Herald Tribune

ASHINGTON - Why did the Soviet economy go down the drain? Now that Russia is struggling to become a Westem-style market economy, with the aid of its former adversaries, the question might seem

of only academic interest. But there are still plenty of countries that can learn from the Soviet Union's downfall. Most obviously they include developing na-tions still firmly wedded to state intervention and former Communist countries that have not completely forsaken their old ways— including Russia itself.

including Russia itself.

More surprisingly, according to the authors of a new analysis published by the World Bank, they also include France, Austria and East Asian high performers like Singapore, South Korea and Japan.

The main thing these countries are all doing wrong is relying for growth on centrally planned capital accumulation — building more and more factories — rather than increasing the productivity of their workers.

The study is by William Easterly of the World Bank and Stanley Fischer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, soon to sachusetts Institute of Technology, soon to become an IMF deputy managing director. It folks at how the Soviet economy turned from being "the hope of the future" in the 1950s to the basket case of today.

Given the Soviet Union's size, its high levels of investment and education and low population growth, its economy should have grown strongly from the 1960s through the 1980s. Instead, it was the "most underachieving economy" in the world, developing countries included. Sadly for admirers of Ronald Reagan, the study concludes that the increased Soviet defense spending provoked by Mr. Reagan's policies was not the straw that broke the back

of the Evil Empire. The Afghan war and the Soviet response to

The key factor was the inefficient way the authorities invested in capital equipment.

agriculture and too few to services and trade. But the key factor was the inefficiency of capital investment. For all the resources the Soviets put into factories and machinery, they got relatively little out. In economic jargon, the Soviet Union had an unusually high ratio of capital to output.

Mr. Reagan's Star Wars program caused only a relatively small rise in defense costs. And the defense effort throughout the period from 1960 to 1987 contributed only marginally to

Other causes may have included demoral-

ization and a breakdown of discipline in the work force. The Soviet Union also had too many resources devoted to low-productivity

As countries industrialize, they use more machines to perform tasks previously done by manual labor, enabling workers to become more productive. In the West, machines have generally replaced labor fairly efficiently. thanks to rapid and flexible technological advances. A forklift truck would be one example, a robot an even more effective one. But machines were an extraordinarily poor

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substitute for labor in the Soviet Union. The Soviet economy seemed to be constrained by technology that required almost constant proportions: one machine, one worker.
During the 1950s, when not all workers had

machines, return on capital was night. Giving a machine to a worker without one has a high payoff, and the payoff stays high as long as there are workers without machines.

Eventually, however, all the workers will have machines, and the return on additional machines. machines falls to virtually nothing. What's needed is not just another machine but a

machines, return on capital was high. Giving a

machine plus a computerized inventory and distribution system. But rather than responding to market demands, Soviet investment came from above.

Capital goods, like consumer goods, were limited to the narrow range of items that planners could direct and control - usually heavy machinery.

So why didn't the planners see what was going on in the West and order robots and computers? The planners, says Mr. Easterly, had limited information. Factory bosses knew more but had no incentive to correct their methods.

But surely that's not what's happening in countries like France and Austria and Japan and the Asian tipers?

Not exactly, says Mr. Easterly. But they all share the Soviet weakness of administratively directed investment programs and rising capital-to-output ratios.

The bad news for these countries is that

diminishing returns from capital will eventually lead to a slowdown in growth. The good news is that, assuming their workers are more productive and their technology more varied than in the Soviet Union, they should be able to avoid the Soviet Union's drastic fate.

Ruling Frees European Car Market The European Commission this been able to dictate to its dealers PARIS — The European Court month will propose rules that could the distribution of Justice opened the door for low-parily unshackle Europe's 58,000 goot vehicles. the distribution and pricing of Peu-

er car prices for consumers, ruling car dealers from manufacturers. Thursday that Peugeot SA cannot prohibit its dealers in France from buying Peugeots in other countries from rules meant to promote a free

at considerably lower prices and reselling them in France.

The ruling punches a hole in the and what to sell and to largely retire to go shopping for bargains in those countries and bring the cars there is the pound, are and opposite to the pound, protectionism surrounding Eu-rope's car industry and will help one brand at a time. crase price discrepancies across Europe on consumers' second-largest spending item.

Your gut feeling tells you this will set pressure on prices to come in France to buy cars in bulk in other countries, such as Belgium, and bring them back to France.

Swissair Said To Seek Deal With Sabena

AFP-Extel News

ZURICH - Swissair refused on Thursday to comment on a report that it planned to acquire 49.5 percent of Sabena Belgian World Airlines, including the stake held by

The report was contained in an article to be published Friday in Cash magazine. Cash said it was given access to a "detailed secret document" in which Swissair set out the strategic importance of achieving control of Sabena.

At no point in the document is the Belgian airline mentioned by name, the report said, adding that the codename "Flair" was used to identify Sabena.

Swissair said it was not its policy to "comment publicly on any pro-posals or recommendations" that "documents may contain." Repeating an announcement made last autumn. Swissair said it was negotialing with a number of European airlines - including Sabena about strategic alliances.

The report in Cash said Swissair aimed to acquire a 49.5 percent stake in Sabena that would include Air France's 37.5 percent share-bolding. This stake is held by the Belgian company Holding Finacta, of which Air France owns 67 per-CELL

It said Swissair aimed to acquire a further 12 percent stake in Sa-bena currently held by four finance companies controlled by the Belgian government.

Belgian government sources said Thursday that the report was plausi-ble and that Air France sought to "disengage" from the unprofitable Sabena. They said Belgium did not largest stake, Belgium currently holds 61.8 percent of Sabena.

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Crédit Lyonnais To Expand in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Credit Lyonnais is expanding its investment banking activities in the United States, the French bank said Thursday. Robert A. Cohen, executive vice president and general manager in charge of the U.S. branches, said Credit Lyonnais U.S.A. planned to nearly double the 100-person staff of its securities, subsidiary, which provides financing for U.S.-based and international companies and engages in the trading and sales of securities here and abroad.

Mr. Cohen said the bank would invest around \$15 million in the

subsidiary tins year. Credit Lyonnais wants to increase its debt and equity underwriting and derivatives businesses and will focus on activities sach as asset securitization, he said.

Scripps Takes 3 TV Affiliates to ABE

NEW YORK (AP) — In another wave of network affiliation switches. E.W. Scripps Co. said Thursday it had agreed to align its TV suggests Baltimore, Phoenix, Arizona, and Tampa, Florida, with the ABC network.

in a 10-year station affiliation agreement.

Capital Cities-ABC Inc. plans to cut ties to its three ABC affiliates in those markets in agreeing to a new, unusually long affiliation deal.

This news follows a surprising announcement three weeks ago by the World Communications Group Inc., of its plains to switch the affiliations of 12 TV stations it owns or plans to buy to Fox Broadcasting Co. from the Communications. ABC, CBS and NBC.

Loral Pension Plans Buy Shares

NEW YORK (Remers) — Loral Corp. said Thursday its pension plans agreed to acquire from Merchant Banking Partnerships managed by Lehman Brothers 3 million shares of Loral common stock at \$36 a share. The partnerships retain 3.31 million Loral shares. The company said its pension plans agreed to purchase the shares at a discount to the market price on June 14, the time at which the terms of the

purchase were agreed.

Memory Chip Demand Seen Rising

NEW YORK (AP) — Computer industry research from Dataquest loc. predicts that demand for 16-bit memory chips will outstrip supply by as: much as 20 percent in the first quarter of next year.

Availability and pricing of the chips are important because they are becoming more cost effective than four-bit memory chips, which are now.

In announcing the prediction, Dataquest said it was assurang 15, percent growth in sales of personal computers this year and jump in the average memory per desktop PC from 5½ megabytes last year to nearly 8 megabytes in 1995.

Florida West Air Chairman Resigns

MIAMI (Bloomberg) — Florida West Ardines Inc.'s charman and chief executive resigned from the troubled cargo carrier, completing a housecleaning of top management. The carrier said Thursday that Maury Joseph had resigned to "pursuit

other outside husiness interests," effective immediately.

James Heldenbrand, vice president, will serve as interin chief effective until Richard Haberly, the new president, adds the CEO title when audited financial statements are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company is interviewing candidates for chairman:

Apple Ships Software Applications

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Apple Computer Inc. said Thursday that 10% software application programs developed specifically for its new Power Macintosh family of personal computers were being shipped. The applications represent a range of software categories, including publishing, education, multimedia, technical markets and entertainment.

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Honda American Exports Rise

TORRANCE, California (AFP) — The Japanese automaker Honds:
was the top exporter of North American-made cars in the first quarter of

1994, an industry group said Thursday.

The American Automobile Manufacturers Association said that American Honda exports rose 51 percent from the 1993 quarter, to 24,877 cars.

The association said the vehicles made at Honda's plants in Ohio and Ontario, Canada, have become top sellers in Japan and Europe.

For the Record

Maersk Air of Denmark has placed eight firm orders for Boeing 737s and hopes to buy an additional six planes, the Seattle-based aerospace company said. The order from Maersk Air is worth between \$278 million and \$332 million, not including options.

(AP)

Woolworth Corp. plans to open 476 specialty stores in 1994; Chief

Executive Officer William Lavin said at the company's annual meeting

Market Advances In Hesitant Trade

NEW YORK - Stocks ended a lackluster day Thursday with a jump near the close that was tied to Friday's expitations of options and

MARKET DIARY

Uncertainty about inflation kept the market off balance in light tradng much of the day, but in the last alf-hour, more investors started positioning their holdings for the 'triple witching hour," the quarter-

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y simultaneous expiration of stock ptions and stock index futures

and options.

The Dow Jones industrial index ose 20.93 points, to 3,790.41, erasing most of the 24.42 loss oo Wednesday. Gainers only slightly outnumbered losers and volume ased to 254.89 million shares on Thursday from 269.72 million chares from Wednesday.

Share prices were also jostled by bond prices, which initially moved down and later railied as traders weighed new U.S. economic data. Reports early in the session gave a ssimistic view of inflation, but the outlook later on was more optimistic. The yield on the 30-year U.S. Treasury bond closed at 7.36 percent, down from 7.39 percent on

The Commerce Department said

starts rose 2.6 percent in May despite relatively high mortgage rates that had restrained construction a

month earlier. A separate Labor Department report showed first-time claims for unemployment benefits dropped to the lowest level in oearly two months, fanning inflatioo fears that had arisen on Wednesday due to a surge in prices of grains, crude

oil and other commodities. But the inflation jitters eased as commodity prices pulled back. The Commodity Research Bureau's index, a popular inflation gauge, declined after advancing by an unusually large amount Wednesday.

Exxon rose 1% to 58% after fall ing 5% over the first three days of the week. Goldman Sachs added the stock to its "recommended" list after the decline, which began when a federal jury decided Monday that the company acted recklessly in the nation's largest oil spill

five years ago in Alaska. The oil sector was broadly stron-ger as the price of crude neared a

2-month high. Hasbro fell 3 to 2814. The toy maker's shares opened 10 percent lower as the company said it expects second-quarter revenue to fall as much as 15 percent from a year ago and wipe out its earnings for the period. (AP. Bloomberg)

INFLATION: Dollar Undercut

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at least seems to be at the bottom of its trading range.
"But people have been saying

that for quite some time and they have not been seen as being very clever." he added. Analysts see two problems with

They fear that American inter-

est rates are headed up, and point cut that that has dried up the de-

Foreign Exchange

mand for U.S. bonds and the doljars to pay for them.

 Secondly, foreign exchange traders continue to fear that Washington is still prepared to use a weak dollar to put pressure oo the Japanese government to reduce its massive trade surplus.

Any failure of the current round of trade talks that are due to reach some cooclusion by the time of the Naples summit meeting of the Group of Seven in early July could send the dollar crashing from its present 103 yen to the dollar level through the 100 yen level, analysis

Not even the threat of a military

this ome has lagged far behind the world's other traditional safe haveo

currency, the Swiss franc, In New York, the dollar steadied off its lowest levels as support points held, particularly against the mark and Swiss franc, causing dealers and funds to take profits on

short-dollar positions, dealers said. The dollar continued to be undermined by perceptions that relative weakness in the U.S. economy may delay further tightening by the Fed and not produce the interest rate differentials investors had ex-

European nations, on the other hand, are experieocing solid growth as they come out of recession, leading investors to conclude that the easing cycle oo the conti-neot has been slowed or even fin-

oew developments oo the Korean peninsula, and this market concern has been the primary reason for the dollar's strength against the yea.

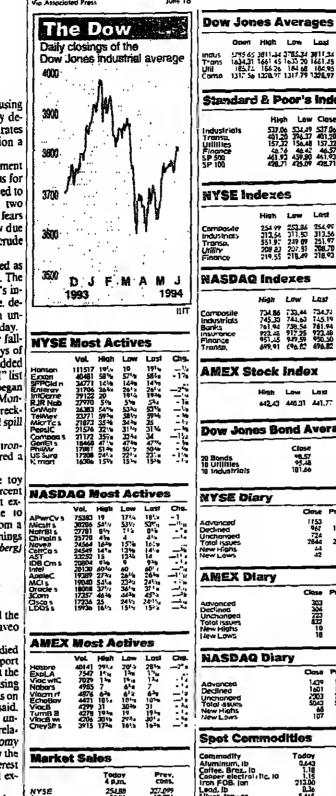
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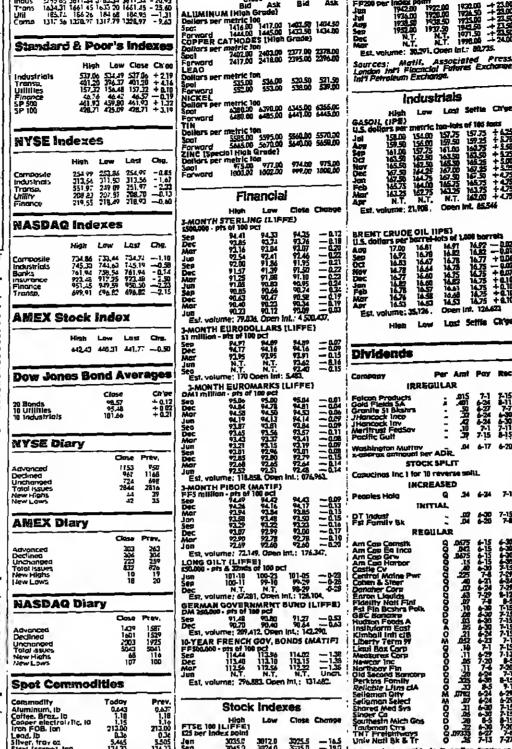
Dealers said they are still wary of

day, and at 103.335 yen, up from The British pound was at confrontation with North Korea \$1.5200, down from \$1.5212 on has been sufficient to push the dol- Wednesday. The dollar weakened lar higher.

Normally the beneficiary of any so-called flight to safety, the dollar

to 1.3708 Swiss francs from 1.3722 and to 5.5658 French francs from 5.5840.



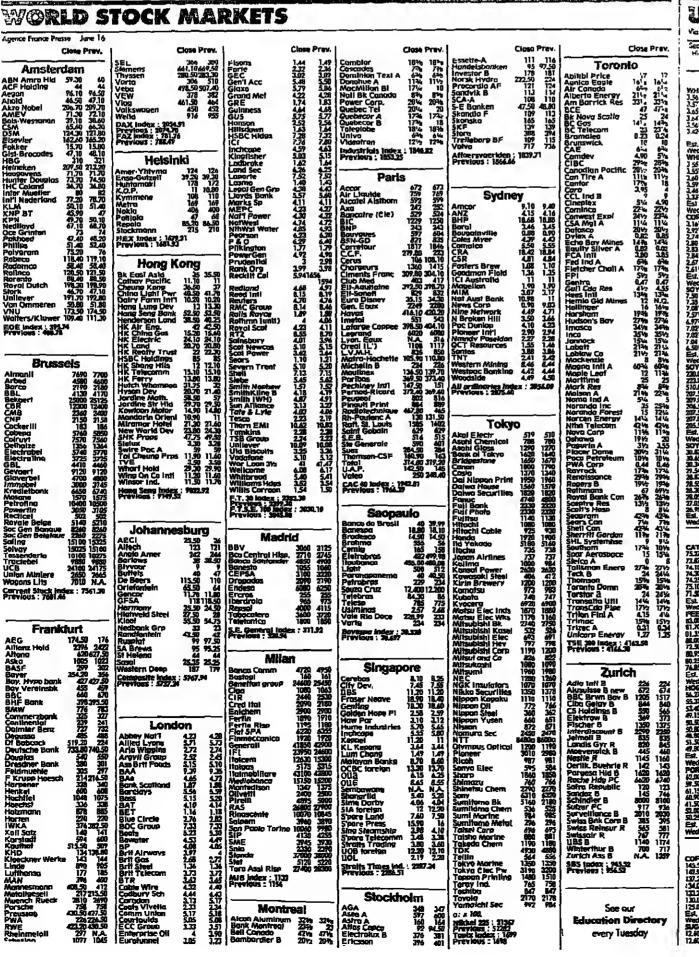


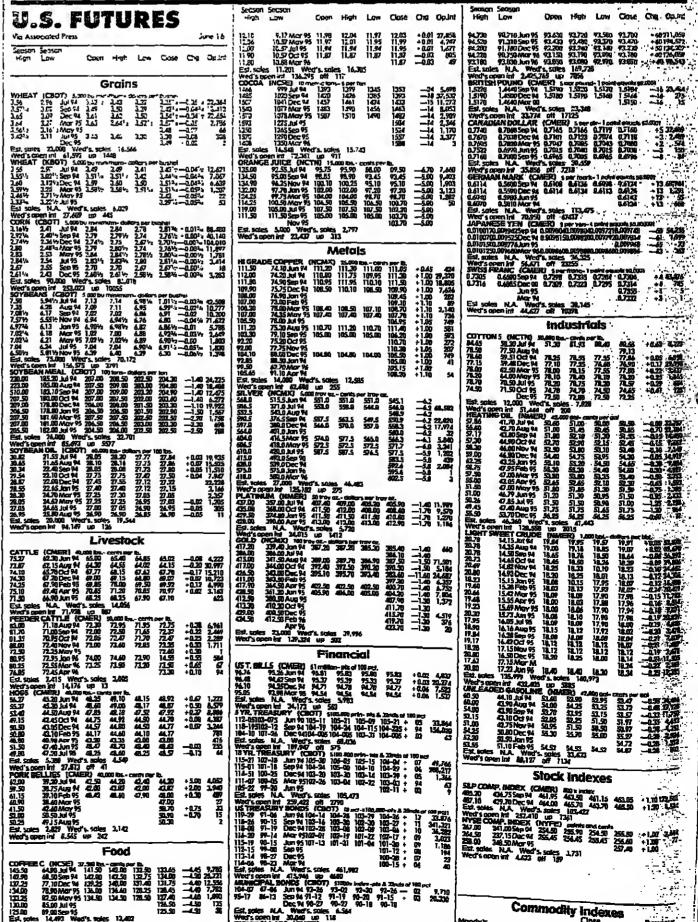
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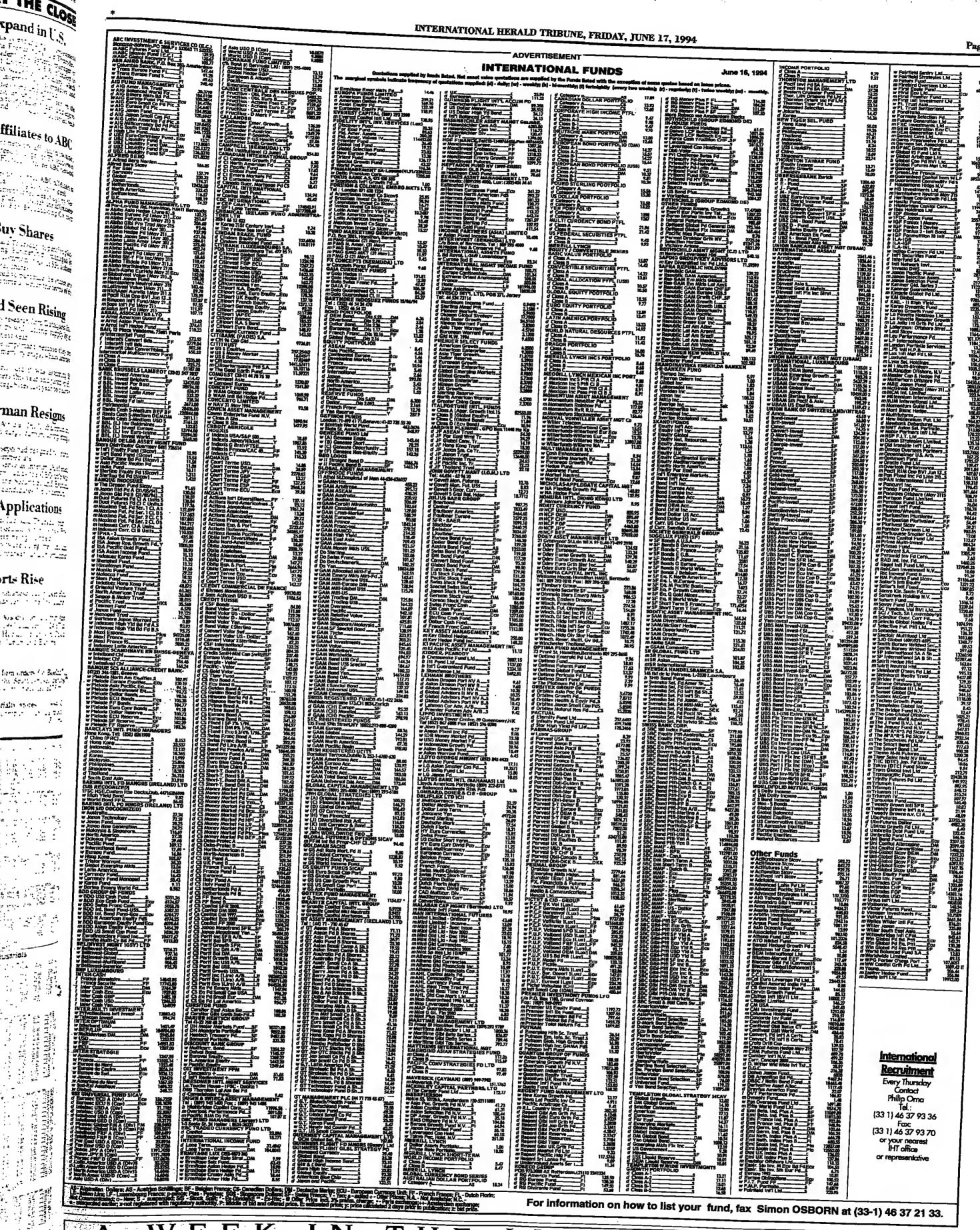
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Demand for 3i Shares **Reflects British Growth** about 16 percent. "Now is a good time to be in this business," said Hugh Mumford, managing director of Electra Investment Trust, the £800 million venture-capital trust that is currently Britain's largest. "Our fortunes depend on the fortunes of the exponent."

LONDON — With British investors apparently keen to bet on their country's economic recovery. Baring Brothers & Co. said Thursday that more than 300,000 people had registered for shares being of-fered in 3i Group PLC by the close of business on Wednesday. Simon Borrows, a director of the

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Barings PLC unit, said, "This is a higher number of registrants than we had anticipated at the outset, and we believe that il is probably the largest number of registrations for a nonprivatization flotation."

The deadline for registering for the offer is Monday, and the price is to he announced Wednesday. It is expected to be priced at about £3 (\$4.56), a 12 percent discount to the company's net asset value.

pearance of government meddling. While 3i will not raise any cash For investors, 3i shares will provide a piece of a £3 billion invest-ment portfolio of small, mostly from the sale, the move will give the company something its executives British companies at a time the desperately want: the tax advantage of an investment trust, the British

economy is improving.

Over the past decade, that portfolio has posted an annual return of tal-gains tax.

Out an investment of a closed-end mutual fund. Trusts are exempt from capital-gains tax.

(Bloomberg, AFX)

Good Tidings for Barings **Bank Fattens Up on Emerging Markets**

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune LONDON - Nearly two centuries after the firm of Barings underwrote the U.S. purchase of the Louisiana Territory, the Brit-ish merchant bank has rediscovcred its affection for doing business in what are today called

emerging markets.

The spreads on that business are not as good as they were in 1803, when Barings was able to make more than \$2 million on an \$11 million transaction for the fledgling United States.
But the fundamentals remain

reassuringly constant. "If you talk to our archivist he will tell you what is happening here now is precisely what was happening at Barings in the 19th century," said Andrew Tuckey. deputy chairman of Barings PLC, Britain's oldest merchani bank. In Britain, the merchant bankers provide long-term credit

and support trade.
At Barings the marrying of excess capital from the developed world to investment opportunities in capital-starved, emergingmarket economies was re-restarted 10 years ago, after a lapse of

Today it has emerged not only as one of the key businesses, employing the bulk of the staff and absorbing the largest slice of its

capital, but as a quasi-religion. Oddly enough, the doyen of British merchant banks has no presence in the British equity markets, while it uneasily finds itself perched on the crest of a huge new wave of investment pouring into countries from China to the Czech Republic.

"Barings made the right call on that," said John Tyce, a banking analyst at Société Générale, who predicted years of strong earnings growth, based in large measure on strength in the growing markets of developing na-

Peter Norris, chief executive at Barings Securities Ltd., the firm's emerging-market brokerage arm, acknowledges that share trading volumes in the emerging markets have plum-meted 60 percent to 70 percent this year, but he insists that his faith in those markets remains

"Our strategy says that relative economic growth in the world will be weighted toward the newer economies," he said. "We see that as incontrovertible." While trading volumes have shriveled, Mr. Norris notes that

What is happening now is precisely what was happening at Barings in the 19th century.

Andrew Tuckey, deputy chairman

Barings has conetheless found plenty of work bringing new issues to the market. So far this year it has raised

hundreds of millions of dollars for companies ranging from a Chilean cement manufacturer to a Korean glass company.

With offices in 17 emerging

countries and a research staff that regularly walks away with top honors in various polls of fund managers, Barings managers find themselves sitting atop a horse they had oot intended to

"I get worried when people say that we are turning completely toto an emerging-markets house," said Mr. Tuckey, who denied that other parts of the management arm, are being Mr. Tuckey says, for instance, that Barings now has a large in-vestment in the world's biggest financial market, the United

In 1991, in a deal valued at \$78 million, Barings snapped up a 40 percent stake in the venerable investment banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co. in an effort to bolster its trans-Atlantic corporate finance business

The timing of that move, which came at the bottom of the cycle for American investment banks, in retrospect has won rave reviews. Last year, Dillon posted its best earnings ever.

Still, it is Barings's unusually beavy emphasis on emerging markets that has enabled the firm, owned by a family charity, to produce results that stand out. Chris Smith, an analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd, termed the 1993 pretax profit of £100 million "astounding."

Although Barings is hardly the largest or the best-known bank to knock on the doors of emerging oations' ministries, it is the y one that can come to the task armed with documents showing an involvement stretch-

ing deep into the 19th century. We find history is extremely effective in developing relation-ships," Mr. Tuckey said. "We've got letters from their prime ministers and central bank heads going back 100 years that are very useful in re-establishing relation-

For all of Barings's rekindled optimism about emerging markets and its eagerness to exploit old connections, there is one aspect of the firm's history that gets short shrift.

In 1890 Barings went bust, In the wake of disastrous loans in company, sueb as corporate finance and its \$45 billion fund-Argentina, the Bank of England

Balsam Sows More Discord

FRANKFURT — The collapse of Balsam AG, the maker of athleaic surfaces, has wrought divisions ic surfaces, has wrongot coverious within the usually cozy world of German finance, pitting the country's powerfol banks against the domestic insurance industry.

At the center of the battle is a refusal by Germany's two largest insurance groups to bail out the export financing group Procedo, the main victim of alleged fraud at Balsam worth about 1.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$1 billion). Banks and insurers are competi-

tors in the field of financial services, but they also traditionally work closely together, often as power brokers in the boardrooms of large German corporations in which they hold stakes. The relationship between the

banks and the insurers will not be the same as it was before," said one banker closely involved with the Balsam affair

Balsam, which was Procedo's largest client, applied for bankruptcy Friday.

Germany's banks are owed some 1.75 billion DM by Procedo, which filed for protection from creditors this week in the wake of the Balsam collapse. The collapse triggered a dispute between Procedo's bank lenders and shareholders about how it could be rescued.

Those shareholders include Allgemeine Kreditversicherung AG, with 50 percent. AKV's maio shareholders, in turn, include Allianz AG Holding and Munich Re, the world's largest reinsurance company.

Traditionally in Germany, firms are bailed out in discreet meetings behind closed doors, with shareholders and creditors dividing the

costs.

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 Denmark's courts, in the latest development in a struggle between Unilever Group and Mars Inc. in the European ice cream market, have forbidden Unilever to remove freezers that were installed in shops by Mars to sell Mars ice cream products. Unilever has 40 percent of the Danish ice cream market, and Mars has about 4 percent.

• Royal Ahold NV, the Dutch food retailer, said its net profit in the first quarter rose 15 percent, to 110.3 million guilders (\$60 million), as a result of sharply higher income from supermarkets in Portugal and favorable exchange rates.

 Germany's Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, adopted a law allowing small companies to convert themselves to joint stock companies without granting all rights guaranteed to employees of large corporations.

• Europe's association of chemical companies raised its prediction for the industry's output increase in 1994 to 2 percent, up from its prediction of 1.5 percent made six months ago.

• PPG Industries Inc. said it would launch its first Polish unit through a new venture that will sell automotive glass made by a leading Polish glass company to Fiat Auto Poland and other companie

Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX

Russia Will Raise Belarus's Oil Bill

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOSCOW — Russia has decid- \$104. ed to charge Belarus world prices levels for oil rather than domestic Russian levels, as has been the case until now, in a bid to force Belarus to unify its currency with Russia under the ruble zone.

Analysts said Belarus had delayed joining the ruble zone mainly by refusing to give the Russian cen-tral bank sole authority to issue currency in the zone, and Moscow had moved to force the issue, The analysts said that Russia

had also timed its decision to influence the coming presidential elections in Belarus. The CIS Cooperation Ministry

said that Russia had been supplying Belarus with fuel at domestic Russian prices on the strength of a preliminary ruble zone agreement. For instance, the price of a ton of oil exported by Russia to Belarus under intergovernmental agreements is at the moment 75,600 rubles (\$39), including value-added

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The long-delayed sale of 3i is likely to value it at £1.5 billion and

to rank the 49-year-old concern,

now owned by the Bank of England

and leading commercial banks, among Britain's 100 largest public

By selling about 40 percent of 3i

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Separately, President Boris N. Yeltsin, in an attempt to stimulate foreign investment in Russia, has agreed to exempt products imported into the country and purchased with Western and international foreign credits from the 23 percent value-added tax.

The decree also exempts from the tax all industrial equipment that was imported into Russia this year under contracts concluded before Jan. 1, 1993.

In another development, a consortium of oil companies may soon sign a pact to develop oil and gas reserves in Russia, possibly next week when top Russian officials meet with U.S. officials in Washington, a consortium member said.

Vice President Al Gore will hold talks next week with Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin at which a Sakhalin Island project will be a topic of discussion, according to a Marathon Oil Co. Although Marathon said signing

the production-sharing contract

would be a step forward, the group

still needs Russian Parliament ap-

U.K. Group Buys French Magazines

LONDON - EMAP PLC said Thursday it had agreed to acquire that they are expected to be com-28 magazines through the acquisi-tion of Editions Mondiales SA and a further 10 titles from three sepa-rate vendors for 914 million French francs (\$162 million).

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pleted by July 31.

The company said it would fi-nance these acquisitions from existing resources, including committed

(Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

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The purchases will be made in Hoskyns, said the acquisitions

EMAP said the French econo was showing signs of recovery.

ject to regulatory approval and other conditions, EMAP said, adding third in size in the French consumer magazine industry, with a market share of some 10 percent. He said they represented quality additions to EMAP's existing business in France, including its joint ven-

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French Packager Of Cosmetics and U.S. Firm Join Up

PARIS — The packaging com-pany CarnaudMetalbox SA said Thursday it was merging its cos-metics packaging activities with those of Wheaton Inc. of the United States in a venture that would form the world's largest cosmeties

packaging company.
Wheaton, a family-owned, nonquoted company based in Milville. New Jersey, has annual sales of about \$460 million. The new company, to be named Wheatoo Inter-national, would have anoual sales of about 5 billioo French francs (\$877 million) and be jointly owned by CarnaudMetalbox and Whea-

The core reason for the merger is the complementarity of the two companies," Arnaud Fayet, the head of CarnaudMetalbox's health and beauty unit, said at a news

The merger, which would oot af-fect 1994 earnings per share, is expected to be completed by the au-

Wheaton and CarnaudMetalbox both count Estee Lauder, Avoo Products Inc. and Procter & Gamhle Co. among their clients.

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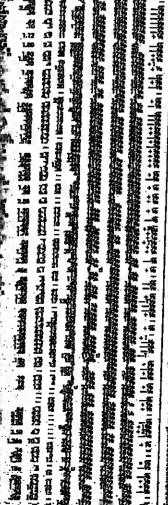


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BELIING - China said Thursday that it would end its freeze on oreign auto plants in 1996 and that priority would be granted to manuacturers agreeing in the meantime o establish parts plants.

Ye Qing, vice chairman of the state Planning Commission, said hree large conglomerates, based an existing joint-venture producers in China, would account for most ales in the domestic market by the and of the century.

China Says It Acts on Copyrights

BELIING - China published a trident defense of its intellectualproperty safeguards on Thursday n a clear bid to ward off U.S. action over copyright infringement. Its action came two weeks ahead of the June 30 deadline set by the United States for China to take :ffective measures to combat violaions of American patents and convrights or face retaliation.

At the end of April, Washington tabeled China as one of the worst violators of U.S. copyrights, along with Argentina and India.

The U.S. software giant Microsoft Corp. complained that piracy in China had cost it \$20 billion. An official Chinese research institute was fined only \$250 after it was found guilty of making holograms with which to pirate Microsoft opcrating systems.

The problem was, and still is, that China can't police this thing, and there are an increasing number of copyright infringements, especially in the south, that are simply not being dealt with," one lawyer said,

Even Deng Rong, the daughter of senior leader Deng Xiaoping, has complained in court that copies of the book she wrote about her father's life had been printed with-

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He left the door open to new entrants. "Approval will depend on the speed of China's economic

by the foreign parties," he said. Foreign automakers already producing in China include Volkswagen AG of Germany, Peugeot SA and Citroen SA of France, Daihatsu Motor Co. and Suzuki Motor Co. of Japan and Chrysler Corp. of the United States.

growth, the level of auto output at

that time and the conditions offered

Mr. Ye said China's auto industry, with more than 120 plants, was inefficient and needed to be reorganized into large groups. He said China would consolidate those automakers into three globally competitive giants and three secondary manufacturers by 1997.

The Volkswagen joint venture in Shanghai, a Citroen venture at Shiyan and northeast China's sprawling First Automobile Works, also linked with Volkswagen, were mentioned for the first

category.

Likely candidates for the second category are Chrysler's Jeep Cherokee factory in Beijing, Peugeot's Guangzhou plant and Daihatsu's plant in Tianjin.

China's auto market is small, with domestic production in 1993 of 1.3 million units, up 23 percent from 1992. Official imports last year totaled 310,461 vehicles, up 48 percent over 1993, and thousands more were smuggled in.

With the economy growing at more than 10 percent a year, many foreign producers say this may be the last great undeveloped car mar-

The government's model plant is its Shanghai factory. It made 100,000 Santana passenger cars in 1993, nine times its 1990 output, and the cars had a local content rate of 81.47 percent, double the rate in 1990. The Santana retails for about 160,000 yuan (\$18,000).

Mr. Ye said joint-venture makers would receive preferential treat-ment once their local-content rates reached a certain level. (Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

■ Industrial Output Rises

China's industrial output grew at yearly 17.3 percent in May, down slightly from the rate in April, Reuters reported from Beijing.

The April-May surge in production is due to the essing of credit controls by the government, which in turn has led to a rise in capital investment, state economists said.

Vietnam: Banking Thinks Small

By Kevin Murphy tional Herald Trib

HANOI - Caught between traditional savers' distrust and a creaking financial sys-tem, small new banks such as Vietnam Mari-time Commercial Stock Bank nonetheless are putting the squeeze on the state institutions

now dominating the market.

Founded less than three years ago, Haiphong-based Maritime Bank — with six powerful state-backed business groups and a for eign investment fund among its shareholders - is becoming a catalyst to a transition in banking

"We understand the innovations that will take place in Vietnamese banking," said Tran Huu Bach, a director of Maritime Bank. "We understand the transition to a market economy and that privatization is the future."

When it abandoned a centrally managed economic system in 1989, Vietnam soon realized it needed a new financial system to match its embrace of the market economy. Banking since Hanoi won control of the for-mer South Vietnam in 1975 had become consolidated into a monolithic system with the State Bank of Vietnam assuming control of most domestic financial business.

In 1990, Hanoi introduced far-reaching reforms that separated the state bank from a commercial role, instead giving it responsibility for conducting monetary policy and regulating a more complex financial system.

In encouraging a more competitive financial environment, four dominant government banks were given autonomy and instructed to prepare themselves for life in a market where foreign and domestic private banks covet their business.

"In competition, banks improve themselves," said Nguyen Van De, chairman of Victcombank, the state-owned bank that lost

its near monopoly on foreign currency loans and transactions but responded by computer- Ltd., a \$50 million fund that has invested and transactions but responded by computer-izing its branches, offering new services and issuing credit cards. "If we don't, other banks

Some joint stock banks have met with settlement difficulties," said Mr. De. who expects the competition to prompt a consoli-dation among the smaller banks. But we have grown stronger over time. A recent World Bank study predicted an

important role for private banks in Vietnam. "In many respects the Vietnamese reforms are bolder and more enlightened than in other socialist economies in transition," it said.

"Because they are demand-driven and managed by compact, highly motivated teams, they will be innovators and have a disproportionate impact on the development of banking in the country," said the World Bank study of the joint stock banks, which now number about 40.

Their market share of loans and deposits is not that significant now, but they have tremendous potential," said Richard Martin, general manager in Vietnam for ANZ Bank. of Australia.

They are allowed to deal with people we are not, "said Mr. Martin, who was one of the first foreign bankers to come to Vietnam. They are catering to the needs of an emergmercantile class."

Starting out with 40 billion dong t\$4 mil-lion) in authorized share capital in 1991 and none of the bad or doubtful debts now plaguing their state-owned rivals, Maritime Bank have tripled in size if the government gives the expected final approval to its capital expansion plans this year.

They can go into a sector of the market foreign banks can't really afford to pursue, deals worth less than \$500,000," said Martin

about \$2.4 million in the bank.

"They also can be much more flexible in the collateral they take," he said. "They can take property deeds, which foreign banks are reluctant to hold, and they have a warehouse to store Honda motorbikes as collateral."

But arranging loans — often on behalf of powerful shareholders that include government-owned shipping, insurance and garment-trading companies, Vietnam Aviation and the director-general of post and telecom-munications — has proven easier than developing a consumer bank. Traditionally wary of banks, the average

Vietnamese saver favors high-yield government bonds or just tucking the money under the mattress. Mobilizing domestic savings is an acknowledged challenge for Vietnam, which says it needs \$50 billion to modernize its economy by the turn of the century. To raise further expansion funds, Maritime

Bank must intensify efforts to lure retail customers into its six banks around the country, all linked by a modern computer system that is the envy of rivals.
"We are the first bank to dare to publish

our balance sheet," said Mr. Bach, who is stressing stall training and service as part of its effort to gain customer confidence. Maritime Bank's good reputation has se-

cured it deals with larger international banks such as ANZ to belp finance a \$3 million crane for the port of Ho Chi Minh City and to develop a leasing business with at least two other banks and the Vietnam Fund.

While it is one of the most promising candidates for a listing on a new stock exchange that Vietnam plans to open next year, Maritime Bank also hopes to develop a stockbroker business for the future.

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Very briefly:

The French and German telecommunications alliance with U.S. company Sprint Corp. will eventually embrace an Asian pariner, most likely Japan. the president of France Telecom (Japan) said.

Plank of Tokyo Ltd. said it and eight other Japanese banks would extend \$1.99 billion in financing to Viscom Inc. to help pay for its acquisition of 50.2 percent of Paramount Communications Inc.

• Fosters Brewing Group Ltd. of Australia said it signed a nationwide distribution pact for Germany with Holsten Brauerei AG.

• Daewoo Group, one of South Korea's largest conglomerates, has signed an agreement with the Chinese state firm Ceroilfood to exchange cars for grain or other agricultural commodines, a Daewoo executive said.

• Thailand's consumer price index rose 1.1 percent in May from April and 5.1 percent from May 1993, the Commerce Ministry said. The wholesale index in May was flat from April but up 3 percent from a year earlier.

 Austrafia's biggest company, Broken Hill Proprietary Co., said it filed its defense against a writ alleging environmental damage from its Ok Tedi copper mine in Papua New Guinea, where landowners are seeking compensation for damage allegedly caused by mining waste being pumped into nearby rivers.

 Asian Development Bank loans slipped nearly 50 percent, to \$362.2 million, in the first three months of 1994, while technical assistance grants rose 46 percent, the bank said. AFP, AFX, Knight Ridder

ANA and Delta Seek Marketing Alliance

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — All Nippon Airways Co. of Japan and Delta Air Lines Inc. of the United States announced Thursday that they had agreed to discuss a wide-ranging business alliance, which could be the first such deal between a Japanese and a U.S. airline.

ANA, which has the largest domestic flight network in Japan, and Delta, the third-largest airline in the United States, envisage cooperation in passenger and freight services, flight schedule coordination, enhancement of computer reservation systems, participation in each airline's frequent-flyer program and possible code sbaring, they

The airlines said their letter of intent would serve to promote mutual communication and cooperation that could lead to a marketing and business relationship in the United States and Japan.

chief executive officer, Ronald W. Allen, said the link would combine Delta's extensive U.S. network with ANA's services in Asia.

"Both airlines expect to expand revenue-generating opportunities, while reducing costs through more efficient use of our resources." Mr. Allen said.

The implementation of the agreement is expected to begin this ANA's current operations in the United States are limited to New

York, Washington and Los Ange-In the past few months, Atlantabased Delta, which is in the midst of a plan to reduce costs and return to profitability, has sought to balance cuts of direct services by forg-

Delta is planning to slash annual costs by \$2 billion by 1997. This week. Delta said it would fire 2,500 Delta's president, chairman and engineering and maintenance

ing partnerships with other airlines.

The airline on Tuesday cut four international routes and said it would ground its fleet of 13 Airbus ed aircraft. In a separate development, ANA

workers, part of a plan to drop as

many as 15,000 positions.

reportedly has canceled an order for five Airbus A-340 aircraft valued at 3 billion French francs (\$538 million) from Airbus Industrie. IAFP, AFX, Bloomberg.

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m Mazda and Ford in Talks day it had restarted negotiations to tion between the companies.

a strengthening economy in Europe. The Associated Press report-Mazda, Japan's fourth-largest automaker, and Ford scrapped

jointly produce cars in Europe with

Ford Motor Co. because of signs of

plans to build cars together in Europe in March 1993 after the two could not reach an agreement.

But financially beleaguered Mazda, which is 24.54 percentowned by Ford, accepted three more Ford officials as directors in its management in December 1993 Mazda Motor Corp. said Thurs- in a move to upgrade the coopera-

Jakarta Sees Investment Rise

JAKARTA — Indonesia expects the value of foreign investment approvals to bounce back this year to exceed \$10 billion after a 22 percent drop in 1993, the Antara news agency said Thursday.

The drop in foreign investment approvals last year, to \$8 billion, added to Indonesia's economic woes, which included low world oil prices and \$90 billion in foreign debt. An official said that approvals for the first five months of the year had topped \$5 billion. Jakarta took several steps this month to ease curbs on

Watchdog Agency Concerned by Foodland Bid

MELBOURNE - Australian regulators said Thursday that they were concerned about the New Zealand entrepreneur Gracine Hart's takeover bid for Australian wholesaler Foodland Associated Ltd., which could transform the face of retailing in both countries.

New Zealand's Rank Commercial Ltd., owned by Mr. Hart, announced a \$365 million bid for Foodland Wednesday, saying it intend-ed to split the group's Australian and New Zealand operations if successful. Under the plan. Coles Myer Ltd. would have an option to buy Foodland's extensive Australian wholesale

grocery and retail operation. Allan Fels, chairman of the Trade Practices

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Commission, said he was concerned that competition might suffer if this happened. A major problem for Mr. Fels, however, is an Australian Foodland shareholders bave already balked court decision last year that prevented Davids at the offer price of 5.27 Australian dollars Ltd., the largest Australian independent food wholesaler, from taking over the wholesaler Australian dollars on Thursday, a gain of 76 QIW Retailers Ltd.

separate market from food retailing in the same ty years ago, independents controlled more state. Extending that logic, the Australian than 60 percent of Australian grocery sales, but courts would have no problems with Coles now they have less than 30 percent. Myer buying Foodland.

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It also casts a cloud over the listing on the Australian Stock Exchange on Friday of Dalift Coles Myer's grocery-market share in West- vids, which has about 11 percent of the grocery (AFP. Bloomberg)

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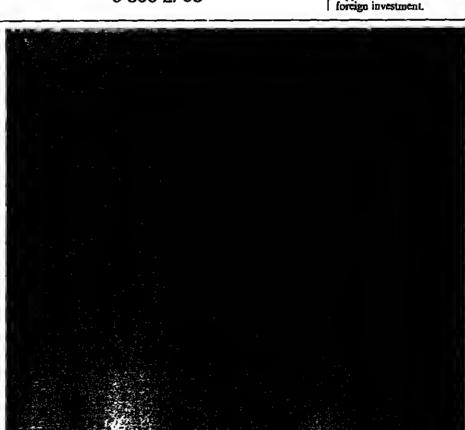
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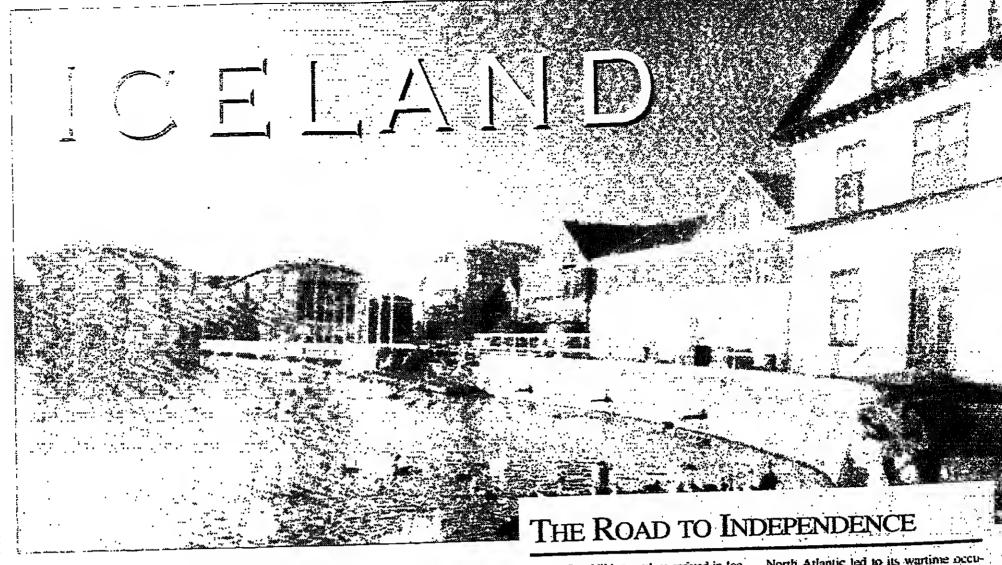
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ine island nation's origins go back to 874 AD, when iceland's first settlers arrived from Norway. Long a commonwealth, iceland came under Norway's dominance in the 13th century, and later that of Denmark. On June 17, 1944, Iceland proclaimed its independence as a republic. In the 50 years since, the country has made its mark on world trade, tourism and international affairs.



RISING EXPORTS GIVE MOMENTUM TO ECONOMY

fier seven flat years caused by declining catches of cod, falling seafood prices overseas and the recession in Western industrial nations, Iceland's economy once again possesses the tools for

Based on what is known about prospects for fish catches over the nest few years," says Thordur Fridjonsson, managing director of the National Economic Institute, "a return to modest growth appears likely for 1995 and beyond."

Scalows exports, which brought in \$1.1 billion last year, or nearly 80 percent of merchandise export earnmgs, are rising again on the strength of heavy catches of capelin and red-fish. Inflation has fallen to less than 2 percent. The trade balance is in equilibrium, and real interest rates are down significantly. While unemployment has crept up to 5.5 percent and foreign debt rose to 55.8 percent

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of gross domestic product last year, the outlook for the medium term is

The biggest challenge to the ongoing recovery is strengthening the ocean cod stock. Of the seven or so-main groundfish species caught and

Sill, the economy should ride out this rough patch. "We shouldn't focus too much on the adverse effects of a reduction in the cod quota, comments Mar Elisson, head of Iceland's Fisheries Investment Fund, "This is the sole example of signifi-

Per capita income ranks just above that of the United States

processed for export, last year's codearth of 2500000 tons carned \$207 million alone. Overfishing, however, has caused quotas to be slashed a this level from 300,000 tons in 1977 In the meantime, prices on foreign seafood markets have declined 20 percent in real terms. Combined, the two trends have cost the country \$280 million annually, or a quarter of last year's revenue from scalood contraction in the fleet's allowarle coich. Most other species are in quite good condition. In my view, receivering economies in the U.S., (s) and mainland Europe, our major rading partners, will see a rise in orices for prime-quality scatood. legiondie fish has carned a reputa-

tion overseas for high quality.

Last year's heavy 1.08-million-ton seafood catch allowed the economy to partially compensate for less cod

and lower prices by stepping up production in other species. Total seafood exports grew 11.4 percent over 1992 to 635,000 tons of processed and fresh whitefish, shrimp, fish meal and oil. Export revenues still fell by nearly onetenth, but the contraction in national income dampened imports of con-sumer goods and made the current account favorable for the first time since 1986.

The two other legs of the economy, energy-intensive industry and tourism, have also gathered strength, Improving economies in Europe and the United States helped manufactured exports (chiefly aluminum and ferrosilicon) rise to \$160 million, to account for nearly 20 percent of merchandise export earnings. A record 158,000 foreign visitors also spent \$220 million in foreign curren-

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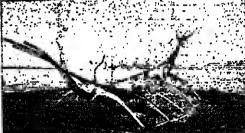
ered America. The golden age ended when the feud-ing Icelandic chieftains swore allegiance to the king of Norway in 1262. This allegiance was transferred to Denmark wheo the Daniso and Norwegian monar-

chies were unified in 1387. In the 16th century, Denmark enforced a trade monopoly that lasted until 1787. This, combined with epidemics, famine, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, nearly wiped out the Icelandic population. By the 18th century, the population was 35,000, half that of the

The struggle for independence from Denmark started in 1830, In 1845, the Althing was re-established with limited powers, and in 1918 Iceland gained in-

ternal self-government. leeland's key strategic position in the

North Atlantic led to its wartime occu-pation, first by British and then by American troops. During the Cold War.



The Vikings were Iceland's first settlers.

it became host to the U.S. Air Force, Base at Keflavik, which protected the vital North Atlantic sea lane's in the Greenland-Iceland-Britain Gap.

Iceland gained de facto independence, from Denmark with the Nazi occupation of Denmark in 1940. In 1944, 974 percent of the population voted in favor of full independence. An independent republic was declared on June 17, 1944, and the history of modern Iceland be-

THE VIEW FROM ICELAND: AN EVOLUTION IN IDENTITY

lite as an independent nation. leeland finds itself facing some very difficult questions regarding its tuture, questions that have not had to he raised herore

and to which no one really knows the answers. Should Iceland look west. toward the United States? East toward the European

Union? Or perhaps both, or neither? Until recently, this was not a problem. Iceland's strategic position during the Cold War period placed it firmly in the midst of the Atlantic Alliance, and the question of where it helonged never arose. Sausfactory trade agreements with both the United States and the European Community provided a smooth flow of the main export product seafood in all imaginable varieties - into those main the Nordic neighbors with which Iceland shares a common history and, since the

1960s, a common labor and social market as well. Now this is all history. The threat that highlighted Iceland's strategic importance has radically dimin-

ifty years into its ished. The European focus Free Trade Association in has shifted from the Atlantic toward the center of the Continent, and the American focus toward the Pacific Rim. Left alone in the middle is a small island nation that now has to re-evaluate its position. Even its closest Nordic relatives are now speeding into the European Union, a path that leeland has not yet been willing to

To understand the Ice-

Should Iceland look west or east? Perhaps both, or neither?

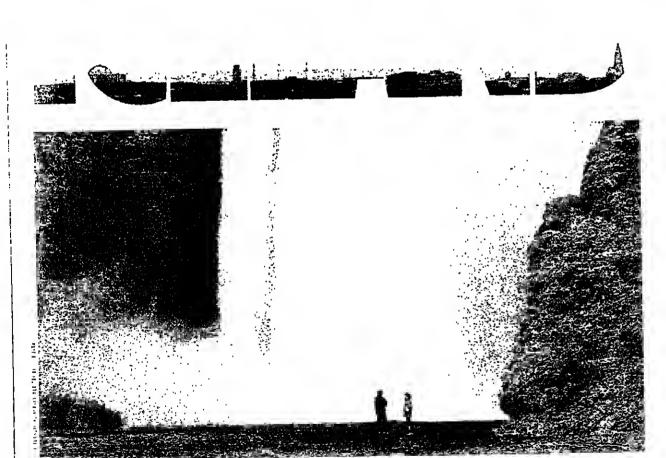
landic hesitation about EUmembership, one has to understand the mentality of the nation. Traditionally wary of big entities and outside influence tlike so many other island nations), the Icelanders have always been reluctant to join international bodies, especially those that might have a say in their internal affairs. NATO memhership was never uncontested, and there was a fierce political debate before lee-

the late 60s. Memories of the "unequal treaty" made with Norway in 1262 are still evoked when modern international treaties are discussed.

Centuries of isolation in the Atlantic have preserved a culture, including the old Norse language, that in many respects is unique. To lose this would be to lose the. national identity, and a small, nation is sensitive to foreign influence in the modein world of multimedia.

In fact, European integration not only represents a. cultural threat, but also offers a wealth of possibilities: In an ever-more environmentally concerned world; lectand has a lot to offer. Its. unspoiled nature and clean. air have made tourism one of the country's main industries. In agriculture, organic farming is and has been standard practice for centuries, and below the ground enormous resources of pure drinking water are to be found. Human resources are also vast, with a high general level of skill and education, not least in the fishing sector, leeland is probably the

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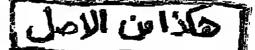
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celand has an es-limated 50,000 GWh/year of clean, renewable, inexpensive hydroelectric and geothermal energy enough to supply Switzerland with its annual electric-

ity requirements. Only 10 percent has been harnessed. Recently, Gardar Ingvarsson, managing director of MIL, the Icelandic Energy Marketing Unit, an agency of the National Power Company and the Min-

about the country's energy smelters are concerned, several hydropower projects resources.

Is the energy-generating infrastructure in place to supply new ventures with power at short notice?

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This is available today. As far as larger power users such as primary aluminum RISING EXPORTS

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cy to make tourism the second-biggest industry after seafood. Together with the stronger performance in the seafood sector, overall exports of goods and services rose 6.1 percent in volume last year to push GDP up 0.8 percent following a 3.4 percent falloff in 1992.

Though a marginal decline in GDP is expected in

1994 because of further cuts in the cod quota, a 0.8 percent rise in export volume is forecast. "The improving international economy will see Iceland's GDP grow 1 to 2 percent annually over 1995-96, and 2 to 3 percent after that,"

Charles to the A

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predicts the NEI's Mr. Fridjousson. Iceland's 265,000 inhabitants still maintain one of the world's highest living standards. The World Bank Atlas 1994 reported per capita income of \$23,670 for 1992. iust ahead of the figure for the United States and seventh-highest among industri-MODS. AS III many other West European countries, universal health care and education are provided, and a tightly woven web of social services and state support helps offset high taxes and living expenses. Thanks to its geographical isolation and comparatively little heavy industry, Iceland has probably the cleanest air and water in Europe, and population density on the

103,000 square kilometer island is only 2.4 inhabitants per square kilometer.

Maintaining this high hv-ing standard will require Icelanders to continue to carefully manage harvests of seafood stocks in home waters. Further development of tourism and energy-intensive industry is also a key goal, as is forging stronger economic links with Europe. Iceland is a member of the

18-nation European Economic Area (EEA), established in January, which has abolished or greatly reduced tariffs on most processed seafood products sold to European Iceland's President Vigdis Union coun-

tries. This step is doubly important as the EU absorbs 60 percent of the country's

seafood exports. The establishment of the EEA has also meant liberalization of laws on foreign investment and capital movements. It is hoped that the changes will help diversify the economy by attracting more foreign business, especiatly targer industrial plants such as the Swiss-owned ISAL aluminum smelter outside the capital of Reyk-

One of only two energyintensive factories in Iceland, the smelter is the cornerstone of the country's manufacturing sector and has enabled it to develop large reserves of hydroelec-tric and geothermal energy. James Wesneski

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are jointly of Iceland's owned by the banks, and banking sector and capital debit cards are making a quick entrance. Landsbanki. the country's largest commercial bank, and Islandsbanki plc. operate securities firms Landsbref and VIB respectively, while Bunadarbanki and the 33 savings banks own Kaupthing. Despite the thaw in regulations on foreign investment and capital movements brought about by the EEA, Swedishheld Skandia is the sole foreign player to enter the secu-

rities field. For foreign banks and other financial-services firms, this means that finding and filling a gap in the competi-tion will prove tough. But fresh winds are definitely on the way. "I don't expect foreign banks to set up branches here in the near term," says Tryggvi Palsson, managing director of Islandsbanki plc. "You don't need brick and mortar to provide services. Increasing competition will come about, however, from Icelanders investeign financial institutions." Iceland's banks have been

quick to implement Bank for International Settlements regulations and other international operating norms now standard in the new European mega-market. They have also matured into fullservice outlets offering fi-

telephone and computer access options for businesses and individuals. "Gradual liberalization

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movements has seen customer services become comparable with those offered

abroad," says Mr. Palsson. While domestic banks shore up their position at home, the half-century-old republic has begun to chart a new course abroad. A regular borrower in international markets, Iceland this year came out with a debut issue in the U.S. public bond market. "The republic's \$200 million Yankee bond issue in the U.S. market last February was highly successful," comments Birgir Isleifur Gunnarsson, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Central Bank of Iceland, adding that the J.P. Morganled issue of 10-year bonds was received warmly by over 30 U.S. investors.

Moody's and Standard & Poor's rate it A2 and A respectively, and the issue has traded favorably in the secondary market - a clear sign of confidence in the bonds as well as in Iceland's econing abroad and generally do- omy.



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only European country where fishing is a highly profitable business venture, not a subsidized part of the agricultural sector. There is a growing sense that Icelanders really have nothing to fear from Europe and that its cultural uniqueness might prove to be the nation's ultimate strength.

The dependence on fishing and fish processing, although making the economy extremely cyclical and onedimensional, has brought a high level of prosperity and enabled the Icelanders to build up a modern society with a high standard of living in less than half a century. Fish, as a matter of fact, also represents the main obstacle to Iceland's membership in the European Union. The European principle of pooling resources is some-

thing lcelanders find difficult to accept - not because they are particularly un-European or egocentric, but because no other European nation is as dependent on any one resource as Iceland is on fish. Without fish, the island of Iceland would be uninhabitable. Fish represent not just an economic issue, but are also, alongside the language, at the core of the national identity.

izijonism would be the leasi suitable solution to their dilemma. A nation that is totally dependent on exports for its economic survival and on a close and unrestricted contact with other cultures for its intellectual and mental survival cannot close its doors on the outside world.

Although it is situated between America and Europe, there is really no question as

to where Iceland belongs. It sary. If all other EFTA is a European nation with an countries join the EU, at old European culture, even if it has a strain of the American frontier society. Europe is also Iceland's most important trading partner and will probably be even more so with the advent of the European Economic Area. The American market is also of vital importance, and most lcelanders feel that economic and political ties with the Icelanders realize that iso- United States must be strengthened, not weakened

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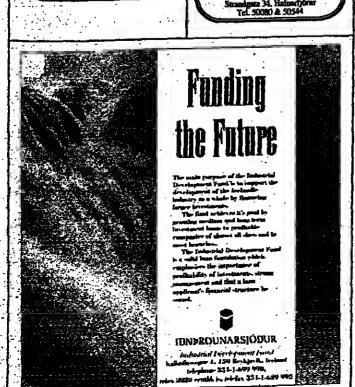
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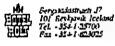
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of lamb and beef are 8,000 and 3,400 tons respectively. but what the industry lacks in volume it makes up for in quality. Recently, U.S. health authorities certified both meats as free from hormone implants, antibiotics, pesticides and herbicides, a distinction that has opened up tangible export opportu-

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Iceland's abundant geo-thermal energy allows flowers, cucumbers, tomatoes and green peppers to be grown in greenhouses around the country. As with other domestic agriculture. these products are grown without resorting to pesticides and herbicides.

"We hope to be able to benefit in the future by de-veloping further exports of lamb and beef from our small-scale meat-producing industry," says Brynjolfur Sandholt, chief veterinary officer. "We feel that Iceland has definite market potential that can be realized by catering to health-conscious consumers who prefer foods raised and grown by farming methods that are not on the intensive scale found in other countries, but rather along natural, organic

INDUSTRY: FISH IS STILL KING, BUT OTHER SECTORS EXPAND

processing, tourism and power-intensive manufacturing. Efforts to expand the role of the last two are gaining ground, but a rough 55-15-10 split in national export earnings means that catching, processing and selling seafood remain Iceland's core industrial activities.

Production and export of seafood are the driving force behind the economy," says Jon Asbergsson, managing director of the Trade Council of iceland.

The Central Bank reports that seafood sales garnered Iceland \$1.1 billion in 1993, or 79 percent of total merchandise export earnings. Measured by volume, sales of processed and fresh items rose 11.3 percent over 1992, to 635,000 tons, on the strength of a 1.68-million-ton haul of capelin,

groundfish, shrimp and other species.
Improved fishing technology has enabled catches to rise to the point where any in-crease is unlikely. Fish tracking devices, huge nets and the ability to process catches at sea mean the fleet can now scoop up more than ocean stocks are able to replenish.

The challenge posed by limited seafood stocks is being met in a number of ways. In addition to a quota-based system of fisheries management, which has kept stocks in generally healthy condition, previously underutilized species - sea urcbin, deep-sea redfish, ling and tusk - are being barvested. New processing technology is also helping to boost yields of what is caught, and has become an export sector in its own right.

"In my opinion, Iceland's fishing industry is a world leader in technology, and I base my view on having done business with the industry in over 30 countries," says Geir A. Gunnlaugsson, managing director of weighing and processing specialists Marel. Marel's onboard digital scales for fishing vessels have won a large share of the global marker, while its grading equipment has been shipped to buyers in the U.S. poultry and pork industries.

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A third strategy in the industry's quest to squeeze more from limited ocean seafood stocks is the move to step up production of value-added products. A full 65 percent of the \$800 million groundfish catch last year was processed into frozen fish products.

The latter figure could be much higher. Gunnar Mar Kristjansson of Iceland Seafood International, the country's second-largest seafood sales organization, provides an indication of what is at stake. "Specially processed items such as retail-packed natural portions and breaded fillers earn our member producers 52 percent more per kilogram than the same fish would have fetched as frozen block or other traditional items.

Outside the fishing industry, efforts are being made to diversify the economic base by attracting other industries from abroad especially power-intensive ventures. According to the National Power Company, economically exploitable reserves of hydroelectric and geothermal energy total some 50,000 GWh/year. Of this total, a mere 10

percent has been barnessed.

A modicum of success in anracting foreign energy users has already been achieved. The ISAL aluminum smelter, wholly owned by Switzerland's Alusuisse-Lonza, exported 94,152 tons of ingots and rolling slabs worth \$120 million last year, and it is the singlelargest industrial energy consumer. The Icelandic Alloys ferrosilicon smelter also uses hydroelectric energy to power its furnaces. A recovery in the aluminum industry may

see metals concerns Amax. Hoogovens and Granges proceed with now-postponed plans for a 200,000-ton smelter in southwest Iceland. The Icelandic Energy Marketing Unit, Scottish Hydro, Hamburger Elektrizitat and the Dutch-Icelandic Icenet group are discussing the feasibility of a super-long undersea cable between east Iceland and Europe that would relay 8,000 GWhlyear of clean power to end users. lceland's other industries include woolen

goods, tanned skins, farmed salmon, springwater and other items that earned a coming begins. Experiments carried out by Ice-bined \$45 million last year. J.W.

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n Iceland's 50th birthday, the rest of Western Europe views the isolated North European island with a mixture of respect and concern - respect for all that it has achieved and concern that the Icelanders' innate conservatism

may impede changes necessary for continued success. In the space of just 50 years and with a population of only 250,000, Iceland has

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Iceland's strategic planand their incredible capacity ners recognize the need to break away from the fishthrough high tariffs, high based economy and are hoptaxes, heavy government ing to exploit the island's spending and the narrowly geostrategic position between North America and Northern Europe to become an offshore manufacturing platform for both markets. Attracting the foreign capital needed will involve opening up the Icelandic economy with lower tariffs, lower corporate and personal taxes, a devaluation of the krona,

lower salaries and subsidies. At the start of this year, Iceland gained additional access to the markets of the European Union as a member of the European Economic Area, and it has made approaches to the United States about acceding to NAFTA.

At the same time as they seek closer relationships, however, the Icelanders are retaining a definite aloofness. Alone among the EFTA countries, Iceland has until now rejected the idea of membership in the EU. out of fear that it would open its territorial waters to European trawlers.

Another important element in the planners' vision is Iceland's enormous potential for the production of hydroelectric and geothermal energy. These visions are being opposed by a vocifer-ous environmentalist lobby whose goal is to protect one of the most unspoiled land-scapes in the Western world, by the powerful fishing lob-by concerned about the transfer of capital resources. and by powerful nationalistic forces worried about a dilution of national sovereign-

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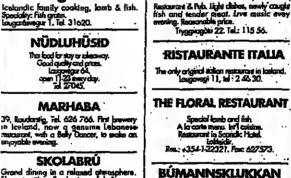
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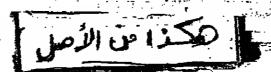
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in foreign-exchange earnings in 1993, Iceland's tourism industry is the second-largest sector of the economy after fishing and fish processing - and by far the most dynamic one. According to the Iceland Tourist Board, visitor totals increased [] percent, to 158,000, last year, and the numbers could get even larger in 1994, the 50th an-

niversary of the country's independence. We've had healthy jump in foreign arrivals during the first five months of this year," says the director of the Iceland Tourist Board. Magnus Oddsson. "Most noticeable is the rise in tourists coming in during the

off season, outside the heavy summer months."

Mr. Oddsson notes that while Iceland still remains relatively unknown in comparison to other European vacation spots, most visitors are surprised to learn how modern the small Nordic country is.

"It's important to spread the word that Iceland has built up a well-developed tourist infrastructure. Our transport and communications networks are on a par with the best that other countries have to offer," he

Of course, Iceland's unique landscape and natural environment are the drawing points for most visitors. Only 15 million years old, the country is a geological

newcomer that owes rolling fields of lava, deserts of black sand, natural hot springs and erupting geysers to the volcanically active Mid-Atlantic Ridge it sits atop. The beautiful canyon that runs through Thingvellir National Park, site of the an-cient Icelandic parliament, is

Gulf Stream waters keep the climate warmer than might be expected, though Iceland's location just south of the Arctic Circle has left it cold enough to preserve the lce Age glaciers that cover 11 percent of its surface area - most notable is Vatnajokull. Europe's largest ice cap. Volcanoes and giant waterfalls, carved out by

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> Some I million passengers flew the airline in 1993. About 80 to 90 percent of the foreign travelers we fly specifically to Iceland come here on vacation," Mr. Helgason says, adding that Icelandair has one of the youngest international fleets in the world. Among the airline's more

recent efforts to spread the word on Iceland as a vacation and stopover destination is a \$1.5 million advertising campaign carried out in conjunction with government agencies, targeting potential visitors in Germany, France, Sweden, Britain and the United States, the largest national groups visiting the country on a yearly basis. While tourist totals are en-

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carrier, can take a great deal of credit for putting the country squarely on the tourist map. "Icelandair is the only private domestic entity actively promoting and advertising the country in the foreign travel press and newspapers," says the company's president and chief executive officer, Sigurdur Helgason.

vention and incentive traffic has helped make Iceland a year-round destination. In Reykjavik, five first-class hotels, including Icelandair's Hotel Esja and Hotel Loftleidir - now members of the Scandic family offer 721 bedrooms and fully equipped conference and banqueting facilities. The Post and Telecommunications Administration provides reliable international direct links for telephone, fax and data networks, while a multitude of restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets. shops, cafes and nightclubs offer leisure-time pursuits.

Incentive groups commonly combine business with pleasure by taking advantage of the stunning landscape. Last year, Cointreau Remy Deutschland launched a major advertising campaign with a hanquet held at 1.875 meters above sea level on Vatnajokull glacier. The country's varied landscape is also providing a refreshingly different backdrop in television spots for

> cars to Scottish beer. Arsaell Hardarson, managing director of the Convention and Incentive Bureau, says that media promotion focusing on Iceland's natural environment and modern conference facilities are to be thanked for the rise in convention and incentive guests. Advertising has cen-

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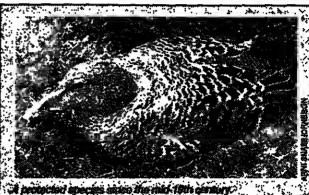
tered on trade magazines in Germany and Britain, and the CIB participates in exhibitions and invites key conference planners and incentive professionals to the

Striking geological formations at Lake Myvatn.

country. "There are many encouraging signs," Mr. Hardarson says. "In the U.K., for example, we're now beginning to experience tangible results from a promotional campaign conducted by Icelandair and the Iceland Tourist Board, which has led both to increased coverage of the country in local media and a significant rise in the number of inquiries received from travel operators and conference planners.

"There is a huge amount of interest in Iceland abroad, and since the introduction last June of Icelandair's triangular, twice-daily Keflavik-Copenhagen-Hamburg service, the country is more accessible than ever. Iceland is just two to three hours by air from the Continent, so meeting here no longer means three days away from home."

To convention and incentive travelers and other visitors it may mean a dip in natural hot springs, snowmobile trips up Vatnajokull, a jeep safari to Thingvellir National Park, pony trekking on the Icelandic horse. lunch in an ice cave or simpler pleasures such as coffee after the opera.



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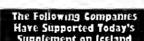
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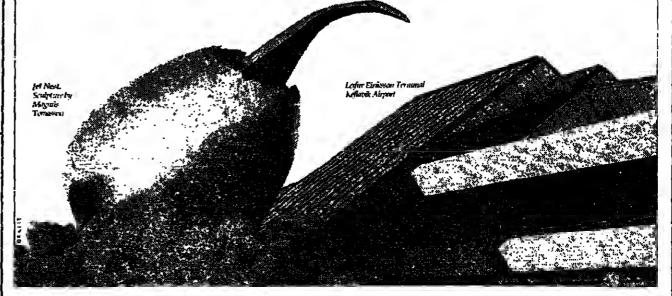
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Knicks Outgun Olajuwon to Tie Rockets at 2-2

By Clifton Brown New York Times Service NEW YORK - Whatever it took. the New York Knicks were willing to

It took Charles Oakley grabbing 20 rebounds and blocking out the pain of his sore left ankle. It took another classy point-guard performance by Derek Harper, who scored 21 points. made five 3-pointers and played the entire second half. It took the leader-

NBA FINAL

ship of John Starks, who scored 10 of New York's last 13 points, 6 on two 3-point baskets in the final four minutes. And it took five Knicks reaching double figures to offset the onslaught of Hakeem Olajuwon, who played his most dominant game of the series and scored 22 of his 32 points in the second

Tying the Basketball National Basketball Association championship series, 2-2, the Knicks outlasted the Houston Rockets, 91-82, in a game they had to have to avoid falling far behind in the best-of-seven series.

But the Knicks played with abandon, not fear, racing to a 17-2 lead, then regrouping after the Rockets stormed back to take a 6-point lead late in the third quarter.

Both teams left the building think-ing about Game 5. Friday night in Madison Square Garden.

"Right now, we're one win away at bome from playing for the title." said the Knicks' coach, Par Riley. "That in itself is motivation enough."

The Expos Stay Hot,

But So Do the Braves

The Rockets' biggest concern was the condition of Robert Horry, the starting small forward who left Game 4 laje in the third quarter after his back and both wrists were bruised on a flagrant foul by Anthony Mason.

The injury occurred as Horry tried to dunk over Mason on a drive to the basket. His status for Game 5 was questionable.

While Otis Thorpe, Houston's rower forward, called the play "uncalled for." Horry said: "It was just one of those things that happens. I went in to dunk and he fouled me hard."

The Knicks prevailed because they made the bigger plays down the stretch, particularly Harper and Starks. Pairick Ewing had an erratic game. Emishing with 16 points and 15 rebounds, and fouring out with 1:13 left, But Starks and Harper refused to

let the Kincks fall apart.
"I believe the play of the guards will determine which team will win." Starks said.

With the score fied at 72 with 5:47 to go, the Knicks went on a 5-0 run and never trailed again. The closest the Rockets got after that was 85-82. when Olajuwon made two free throw-with 1:13 left after Ewing fouled out. But Starks answered with two free throws with 52.5 seconds to play, and the Rockets never scored again.

If Starks was correct about the guards, the Rockets may have prob-lems, Kenny Smith, their starting point guard, continued to play badly with just 2 points. And Sam Cassell, the backup rookie poin; guard who was outstand-ing in Game 5, made only 3 of 14 shots. finishing with 10 points.



Patrick Ewing, who later fouled out, ran afoul of Hakeem Olajuwon, left, and Kenny Smith.

For Indians, No. 14 In a Row at Home

The Associated Press On the day the Cleveland Indians announced that they had already sold enough tickets to set an attendance record, Jim Thome gave the fans another reason to keep coming to Jacobs Field.

He homered with one out in the 13th inning on Wednesday night, and the Indians beat the Toronto

AL ROUNDUP

Blue Jays, 4-3, for their 14th straight victory at home.

That is the longest such streak in the majors since Boston won 24 in a row at Fenway Park in 1988.

Cleveland overcame a 3-0 deficit in the eighth, then went on to win for the eighth time in nine extrainning games this year. They were 2-12 in extra innings last season.

The Indians had not won 14 straight home games since 1954. The team record is 16 consecutive home wins, set in 1951 at Cleveland

This is one of my most dramatic times in pro ball - winning a game, being in first place," Thome said. "We keep battling back. That's what first-place teams have

During the day, the Indians said they had sold 2.63 million tickets for their first season at Jacobs Field. That insures that they will break the team attendance record of 2,620,627, set in 1948, the last year they won the World Series.

Orioles 8, Yankees 4: Chris Hoiles hit a sacrifice fly that put Baltimore, playing at home, ahead during a five-run rally in the eighth that beat first-place New York.

Hoiles had two hits and drove in two runs, and Chris Sabo homered. Twins 7, Red Sox 5: Kent Hrbek hit a two-run homer in the first, and Shane Mack homered in a three-

run third as visiting Minnesota won its seventh in a row and sent Boston to its seventh straight loss. The Red Sox have dropped nine straight at Fenway Park; although

they also lost nine straight at home in 1991, not since 1927 have they lost 10 straight at Fenway Park. Athletics 7, White Sox 5: Ruben Sierra hit a three-run homer as Oakland rallied for four runs in the

ninth to win in Chicago. Sierra had five RBIs in the game. Royals 4, Angels 3: Jose Lind hit a sacrifice fly with one out in the ninth and Kansas City beat visiting California, which had tied it in the

top of inning on Bo Jackson's double and Spike Owen's single. Brewers 11, Tigers 7: Greg Vaughn homered and later drove in a run that led to a seven-run sixth

with which Milwankee beat visiting Detroit. Cecil Fielder and Junior Felix homered for the Tigers who, at 21 straight games, are four short of the major league record set by the 1941 Yankees.

Griffey Hits 29th

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ken Griffley Jr. hit his major league-leading 29th homer as the Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers, 5-2, with Randy Johnson striking on! 12 in his sixth straight victory.

Griffey homered four times in the three-game series. He has hit 19 home runs against the Rangers, his most against any team.

Nicklaus Leads Early In Open

OAKMONT, Pennsylvanus
Jack Nicklaus, who fust won this
title 32 years ago, rolled us a filfoot birdie putt Friday on the final
hole and took the early first round. lead in the U.S. Open

More than half the field still out in sweltering heat when the 34year-old Nicklaus completed a 1-under par 69 and made a ball for a record fifth U.S. Open champion

Nicklaus, who was the last of his 18 major professional titles in the 1986 Masters, actually trailed Car-tis Strange by one when he has

ished.

Strange, a non-winner same taking his second U.S. Open live years ago, was 3 under pas. He was playing behind Nicklans and had the difficult 18th to negotiate.

It took him six strakes to deal, and double bogey that discipled him back to a 70 and a tie for second among the early finishers with day anese veteran Jumbo Ocaki.

Ben Crenshaw fed a group at pass 71.

Nicklaus was in a group of these that organizers expected to payable the gallery with an exercise white a talga. It also included bileary Miller and Larry Nelson Lake Nicklaus, each had son a USS

Open at Oukmont.

Miller, who wen in 1973 with a record last round of 63, and lies son, the 1983 winner, did not even approach. Nicklaus showing.

Miles the 81 and Nicklaus. Miller shot 81 and Nelson 33
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Generally regarded as the presi-est player the game has known, he got to 2 under with a carling, 12 foot putt on the 18th, gave it buck with a bogey on the next hole their bounded into the early lead with the across the green put that had, him clasping his head with both hands in delight and near distribution the strainy heat.

Strange surrendered the lead of ter driving into deep rough on the 18th and taking four to reach the

Western Pennsylvania was under a heat alert, and temperatures were climbing toward a forecast record 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 ceaugrade) when Nicklans limshed -

It took the first threesome more than 4½ hours to complete play and raised the possibility the 159 man field — which had starting times as late as 3:40 P.M., EDT — would not be able to finish their rounds before darkness:

SCOREBOARD

The Associated Press

The Montreal Expos are 12-2 so far in June, yet they have gained only 14 games in the standings over those last 15 days. The reason: the Atlanta Braves are 10-3 over the same span and still have a two-

Montreal completed a threegame sweep of the visiting Pitts-

NL ROUNDUP

burgh Pirates with a 13-2 victory Wednesday, having won the first two games by 10-2 and 12-7. We've got a lot of guys really swinging it," said the manager. Fe-

lipe Alou. The Expos had 15 hits, and Ken Hill became the second 10-game winner in the league, Darrin Fletcher had four RBIs, Marquis Grissom went 2-for-4 and scored three times. Moises Alon was 3-for-4 with his 11th homer and Wil Cordero and rookse Cliff Floyd

also drove in two runs apiece. Braves 4. Rockies 0: Dave Justice hit two bases-empty homers and drove in three runs in Atlanta as John Smoltz won his third straight game. Visiting Colorado has now lost 18 of 19 games to

Mets 1. Phillies 0: John Franco ued Dave Righetti for most saves by a left-handed relief putcher, getling his 252d, as Todd Hundley drove in a run with a sixth-inning single that beat Philadelphia in

Reds 4. Dedgers 2: Hal Morris. the second-leading hitter in the league at .361, drove in the tying and go-ahead runs as Cincinnati won in Los Angeles.

Astros 7. Giants 2: Luis Gonzalez drove in three runs and Ken Caminin two white Dong Drabek scattered eight hits in his leagueleading fifth complete game as Houston won in San Francisco. Cubs 5. Padres 0: Chicago got

four unearned runs as it won in San Martins 13, Cardinals 3: Greg Colbrum drove in four runs and Jeff Conine went 4-for-6 with three RBIs as Florida won in St. Louis.

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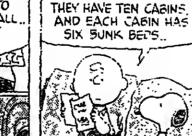
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the lack of oxygen is more than a

in such a climate, the tempo can-not, for 90 minutes, for seven games in 28 days, be European. The strong athletes will still be glad

of their physical conditioning, and those who have paid as much heed

to diet as Germans unfailingly do will have something to spare when others have shriveled toward mo-

Buf I am not going to give way. I look at the German squad for Sol-

their age they are better than the

CUP: For Act I, a Mystery played in antiseptic environments

Continued from Page 1 most important match to date in this country.

No one can say that FIFA, the international soccer federation, hasn't tried to adapt to American ways. The first round will pair only eight teams from the tournament by the end of June — but with a rule change that awards teams three points for a victory, FIFA is hoping to avoid the draws that brought 1990's first round in Italy to a standstill. Referees have been upgraded to avoid the embarrassments inflicted by unruly Argentina that summer.

The U.S. Soccer Federation has not fulfilled its promise to start a major professional soccer league in the year preceding this tournament, which would have satisfied FIFA's converting the United States into a true soccer nation. Again, the overriding feeling here is one of ambivalence. Though ticket saafus threaten to prevent this World Cup from becoming the first to be sold out, a record majority of its 3.6 million tickets have already been purchased, two-thirds of them by Americans. Americans are ambitious with big events because this country understands how to exploit the big score. A lot of people are linking up to make a lot of money in the next month, and when the final match has been played July 17 in the Rose Bowl outside Los Angeles, they can go onto other venbures.

Starting another new American soccer league — after several have failed already — will require more discipline for less immediate gratification. There is good reason to he skeptical that an ambitious league will soon take off here, considering that the World Cup sponsors have sought not to market soccer players and introduce them to the Ameriball. The World Cup is being promoted as a sort of World's Fair, with soccer merely the vehicle for what is perceived here as a cultural festival. Unless the public exgame beyond this one-time event, it is easy to imagine the league eva-porating in the months after the large to say how they will react. gone away.

of soccer via something as over- a match between Bolivia and South sents yet another conundrum. In the rivalry between Belgium and recent years, American fans who the Netherlands, Most of the exhave been urged to become part of predictions. Germany and Brazil a TV show, cheering and perform- may be the favorites, but they hold ing "the wave" for the sake of the that title by reputation. Maradona larger audience watching at home. is an old man now. New stars are Now, in effect, all of the United going to he created over the next States has become one stage to be month, created by the land of Holat by the rest of the works. Under these unique circumstances, Americans' reaction to soccer figures to be complicated. They know how to act at a baseball gam their satisfaction with the World Cup might depend upon the quality of their own performances as faus for the sake of the larger, more sophisticated audiences watching in Asia, Africa and Europe. In other words, if Americans feel they are being ridiculed for being naive or ignorant of this sport — a sport they never demanded in the first place — then it only reasons that

soccer won't take here. The job might have been simpler had current ambitions coalesced here in 1930, when the United States was among the 13 contes-tants in the first World Cup, in Uruguay, or even in 1950, when the U.S. team shocked England's, 1-0, in the greatest of World Cup upsets. But professional sport was an immature business then, while the ensuing four decades have seen it become a rather dispassionate exsurrounded by giant video screens and glassed-in huxury boxes.

The greatest myth of American sport is that, since the tainting of the 1919 World Series by the Chicago "Black Sox," the games have been pure. Indeed, the U.S. sports leagues have successfully instilled the myth that such a conspiracy would be impossible to carry out because it would have to involve

too many players. If Americans take to international soccer, it will be interesting to see how they react to revelations that the world's most popular sport is afflicted with bribery and match-fixing, infected by politicians and supported by fans whose win-at-all-costs mentality might well blow away the Americans' self-perceived ambitions.

The greatest factor in the World Cup's success might be the U.S. team itself. Brazil remains the only country to win on a foreign continent, having seized the 1958 title from host Sweden. This statistic may energize Mexico, but it is irrelevant to the United States, which hasn't won a match since that upset of England 44 years ago. It didn't return to the finals until 1990, when it was outscored by 8-2 in three matches. Its very appearance in Ita-ly was shepherded by FIFA, which opened the door by banning rival Mexico for falsifying the passports of youth players.

No one expects the U.S. team to win, but its survival into July is an absolute necessity. No host nation has ever lost in the first round. The United States might not receive typical host support when it plays its last two matches in the Rose Bowl, where the Latino populations from Los Angeles likely will prefer to root against the Americans. The bigger issue is the reaction of the players themselves. With the future of their sport suddenly on their shoulders, the crowd can public, as they would in base-ball, basketball or American footday against Switzerland in Pontiac, Michigan, may ignite them, or it may just as easily paralyze them. Half the starters do oot play for clubs internationally. Not so long ago, a crowd of 10,000 was a big presses a willingness to support the crowd. Having never faced pressure anything like this, it is impos-

World Cup has packed up and slate. If the American fans are igoorant of the players and their Trying to implant the grass roots teams, that's just as well. To them, whelming as the World Cup pre- Korea will be just as interesting as attend football or basketball games perts figure to be wrong in their ood. It is as wide-open as any World Cup in recent memory, which already makes it distinctly

■ 7 Franchises Awarded

Seven franchises were awarded for the proposed soccer league that is meant to be a World Cup legacy, The New York Times reported.

Play in Major League Soccer, as the new league is called, is to begin in April 1995, but the league has yet to award 5 of its 12 franchises. It has also not signed any players, or named any investors or sponsors beyond a joint television venture with ABC Sports, ESPN and

Franchises were awarded to New Jersey, Long Island, Los Angeles, Boston, Washington, Columbus Ohio, and San Jose, California Five more teams will be aonounced, with Aug. I as a target date, Alan Rothenberg, the new league's commissioner, said

Initially, investors in the league were asked to contribute \$10 mil-

Brazil Favored By Oddsmakers The Associated Press

LONDON -- The British bookmaker Coral is listing Brazil as the 3-1 favorite to win the World Cup, followed by Germany (7-2), the Netherlands and Italy (6-1), Colombia (9.1) and Argenting (10.1) hia (9-1) and Argentina (10-1).

U.S. oddsmakers have Brazil and Germany the co-favor-ites at 4-1, followed by Italy at 5-1, then Colombia and Argentina at 7-1. Ireland is listed as 75-1 among U.S. bettors. Coral said Thursday that

betting on the 52-match contest could reach £30 million (\$45 million), 10 percent more than the 1990 World Cup in Italy, although England, Scot-land and Wales failed to quali-

Many of the bets had been been cut from 50-1 to 28-1. Nigeria had also been popular with bettors, going from 150-1 to 33-1 in recent days.

Germany's 6 Reasons Not to Win

By Ian Thomsen

CHICAGO - If the Germans are favored by some to win the World Cup, it's for the same six reasons that others expect them to fail. Those six reasons are 30 years of age or older, and among them are Lothar Matthaus, Andreas Brehme, Rudi Völler and Guido Buchwald.

The defending champioo Germans are seek ing to become the first nation to win four World Cups as well as the first to play in four consecutive finals. The tournament will revolve around them beginning with the opening match here Friday at Soldier Field against Bolivia, which has been outscored by 16-0 in three previous World Cup matches

West Germany won the tournament three times, in 1954, '74 and '90. The host Americans, fighting an inferiority complex, will be happy to know that West Germany's Bundesliga wasn't formed until 1962. The Germans aren't bogged down with tradition, maintaining a fresh efficiency - and aow a united Germany comes to the World Cup finals for the first time in 56

Yet Germany's biggest fear is not its rival Brazil, but age. Berti Vogts, a defender along-side Franz Beckenbauer on the 1974 champions, and now trying to recreate Beckenbauer's managerial victory of 1990, has reacted to the ongoing Midwestern beat wave by canceling morning practices on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We realize the players don't need to train at all," Vogts said. "They need to recharge their batteries and that proved to be more valuable."

A wise move, it nonetheless affirms the German concerns. Unable to come up with a new young striker, Vogts retained the 34-year-old Völler, who retired after suffering a broken arm

during the 1992 European Championships. Brehme, the 33-year-old defender who converted the winning penalty shot in the last World Cup, was also called out of retirement despite his loss of speed. The 33-year-old German engine, Matthaus, has proven fully recovered from major knee surgery two years ago, but the next month will make greater demands than these players knew in their youth.

Summer heat is a fact of every World Cup. Temperatures in the low 30s celsius (upward of 90 degrees Fahrenheit) and excessive humidity will follow Germany through its second game here against Spain on Tuesday, and then four days later in Dallas against South Korea. The opponents are not so much the concern as is the ar and tear going into the knockout rounds of July, when a weary favorite would become

"I don't think we can go full-out for 90 minutes," said Vogts, reciting a refrain common among other coaches. "We're going to have to alter our game a little."

"Eight years ago in Mexico it was hotter than

this," said defender Thomas Berthold. "We are in great condition. We take great pride in that."

The only other concern is the problems up front, which led to the recalling of Völler — but even this has been answered by Jürgen Klinsmann's recent return to form. Otherwise, the Germans appear as firmly in control as ever. Their personnel have remained constant over the last four years, but no new rival has stepped forward. Vogts has rated Brazil as the favorite, but there is a wariness among his players that their greatest rival will be the team that grows hot over the aext two weeks, effectively rising out of nowhere.

Beckenbauer has wished that Germany could have strengthened itself in the qualifying rounds, rather than earning an antomatic place as defending champion in the 24-team final.
Criticisms of Vogis following Germany's surprise European Championship defeat to Denmark have been washed away by Germany's success beginning with the U.S. Cup last summer against Brazil, England and the United States, and extending through friendlies this

The Bolivians upset Brazil, 2-0, early in qualifying - but that was in the high altitude of La Paz. No such advantage exists for them here, although both sides will recall Argentina's stunning opening defeat to Cameroon four years

Vogts: Just 'Like in 1990' Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ers know that we have to take them serious-

CHICAGO - "We want to start like in 1990," said Germany's coach, Berti Vogts. "We want to gain that momentum in the opening game that will take us through the rest of the tournament."

At Soldier Field on Friday, the winners four years ago in Rome will encounter Bolivia, a team the Germans know only from video tapes, and steamy weather that will sap the strength of the players.

The match will kick off the month-long 52-game World Cup extravaganza. A billion people watching worldwide on television and a sell-out crowd of 63,117 at the 72year-old stadium on the shore of Lake Michigan will hope new FIFA rules will make the game exciting rather than some dull cautions openers in some recent World Cups. The Germans are seeking to become the

the first to repeat as champion since Brazil' Bolivia is making its first appearance in World Cup finals since 1950. It has oever

first team to win four World Cup titles and

won a game, it has never scored a goal in three matches while conceding 16 goals. That was a long time ago, however.

"It will be tough to score a goal against Bolivia," Vogts said. "They have a good defense. They beat Brazil, they knocked out Uruguay, a great soccer nation." Our preatest mistake would be to under-

estimate Bolivia," he continued, "My play-

ly, we'll leave carelessness in our hotel." Bolivia's one major doubt concerned star forward Marco Etcheverry, who has not played a game since hreaking his left leg. Coach Xavier Azkargorta said he would

but Etcheverry said he thought be would play against the Germans. "I'm almost there," be said. "I'm very anxious to play. I have taken care of myself and I have done what I was told to do.

not decide until shortly before the match

whether to field his most infloential player,

• Erik Thorstvedt returned to Norway's goal after a two-day break in which he rested his tendinitis inflamed shoulder, but the scrimmage was so uneven that they stopped counting the goals with Thorstvedt's side ahead, 5-1, against the other half of the Norwegian team, which was mimicking the style of Mexico, Norway's first opponent on

Sunday. Thorstvedt played more than half the game, made a few easy saves and allowed the one goal on a hard shot.

 Josip Weber continued to amaze for Belgium, scoring a hat-trick during a 6-0 victory over the U.S. Olympic squad Russian team officials said that U.S.

authorities had granted visas for players' wives and other members of the delegation. On Tuesday, they accused U.S. immigration authorities of delaying the entry visas for 12 members of their delegation, mostly players' and coaches' wives. (AP, Reuters)

A Hong Kong bus passing a billboard announcing the match time on Friday.

aillion. A capitalization project of \$100 million was announced by Rotheaberg last December; Wednesday, he said the league could begin operations with \$50 million in capital. At first, 10,000 seasoo-ticket

holders were projected for each of the 12 franchises. That forecast has been reduced to 3,000 to 4,000 in most cities. It is the goal of league officials to

have the league operate in small stadiums designed for soccer, not oversized football stadiums.

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der Fielt. There are too many old soldiers. Matthäus is 33 now, he attempts to be what he is not, a Bethenhaue figure of the defense rather than shat he was at his best, a surprise recent mida surging powerful, arrogant mid-field emission Anyone who knows the sport acknowledges what a leader Matth-ins was in furly four summers ago. They also know that age wearies and the years condemn, that Matthins has had knee surgery and that his lack of awareness in the sweeper role behind his defense is a hability railber than an asset. And are is all around him. Berti Voges the German coach, has been Omitally housest in admitting he has recalled older players from self-im-

new generation."

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PICK: By Next Month, Brazil Will be the World's New Soccer Champion on Friday, we will see nine mem-bers of the 1990 winning German on earth, only those prepared to run with the Germans, and then to team either on the pitch or on the bench. Guido Buchwald, also 33, has quit the Bundesliga for the reladare to liberate flamboyance, will Nevertheless, I am quite serious tive quiet pastures of the Japanese J-League, but he is still Bert's Boy in forecasting a Latin triumph this summer. The temperatures, espe-cially down in Orlando, Dallas,

in the national defense. And in attack, maybe used spar-ingly, is Rudi Völler, as cunning and as stealthy as Fagin's pick pockets but now past his 34th birthday and far past the time he ed his sell-by-date to have

On Friday, Germany meets Bo-livia, a kind of Brazil in ministure, indeed a tiny neighbor which actu-ally defeated Brazil in a World Cup qualifying match last season. Bolivia is a story of faith, a nation which built its soccer team out of the remarkable academy of Tahunchi, a school in Santa Cruz that plucks children off the streets, offers them the drug of the sport and, from journeys that have brought home youth cups from every port in the world, has now the nucleus of a Latin challenger in the World Cup. How vibrantly Bohvia stole the show at Wednesday's World Cup.

parade. There, in a two-hour procession designed to welcome the 190 nations to whom football is the game, the parade grew into a mag-nificently disheveled street party, an outpouring of Chicago's wide ethnic diversity.

Bolivia danced through it with almost intoxicating joy at participating. Whether its other team, the players, can do to Germany what Cameroon did to Argentina in the 1990 World Cup opening is anoth-

er matter. xised rethement because even at Then, the Cameroonians sprang Africa's "surprise," They are here

So, when we scan Soldier Field again, longer in the tooth this time, and likely to play second fiddle to rest of the 1990 winning German Nigeria as a World Cup force.

But Bolivia, at heart more Brazilian than the Brazilians, will sadly miss Marco Etcheverrey, the player for whom thousands prayed in a stadium last November when he needed serious knee surgery. Etcheverrey is here; he has the beloved No. 10 jersey made famous by Pelė, but even he senses that the miracle is beyond him, that he needed just a couple more weeks than the World Cup schedule allows.

Without his hypnotic left foot, and with some graying old war horses of its own, Bolivia regroups instead around its other natural playmaker, Erwin (Platini) Sánchez. A good player, if not quite the Michel Platini from whom he got his nickname

Good players? Good Latin players? Brazil, I keep saying has them, and has more of them at a ripe young age than other contenders. Argentina will probably be a competitive force again, but with changed FIFA rules, with an authoritative crackdown on organized thuggery, Diego Maradona and his pals will have to mend their

ways, perform with personality transplants, to stay the course. They have undoubted skill if only they will trust in it. But the highest, most unbridled skill in this competition belongs to Colombia. Here is a team openly declaring

itself as the antidote to a national association with drugs and crime. Here, in the embodiment of Carlos Valderrama, the exotically styled captain; of Freddy Rincon, the shy, rangy, explosive winger; of Fau tino Asprilla the unpredictable striker, the Colombians possess forces as free and as fickle as the Colombia can win it. Colombia

can beat Brazil. But we are entering a tournament that takes athletes to the limits of their talent, their stamina, their oerve and their know how. The one thing Colombia lacks is a track record for consistency, game plan to string together seven peak performances. Or, rather, the experience to hold back that peak to conserve some of the running and the effort, to slowly to release the trigger of their talents.

Therefore, with heart and mind the winner will be Brazil. I told you it was a simple matter. Rob Highes a on the staff of The Times. TO OUR READERS

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By Russell Baker WASHINGTON — The car ra-dio was saying, "Public awareness is building" I had to deal with an orange traffic light just then, so missed the rest of the bulletin and by the time I'd finished the decision-making process the schmoozemeister had moved on to

'dysfunctional families." 'Public awareness is building." "Decision-making process." "Dysfunctional families. Why do people talk like this, especially on radio and television, though also in newspapers, magazines and my very own house, to be honest.

In the first place, I don't believe public awareness is huilding. Maybe it is, but for each piece of evidence suggesting that public aware-ness is building there is an equal and opposite piece suggesting that

public awareness is crumbling. I suspect there may not even be any public awareness, either huilding, crumbling or just sitting around passively minding its own business. This is based on observation of the few dozen people I see now and then.

If you want to know what glazed-over eyes look like, ask any of these people about public awareness. These glazed-over eyes, of course, are "only anecdotal evidence," another mess of wordage that's highly fashionable with the big-talk crowd these days.

Economists, 1 believe, coined "only anecdotal evidence" to shrug off tales of individual human misery that threaten to spoil their statistical pictures of general and abundant happiness.

"Only anecdotal evidence." It is such a depressingly governmental way of voicing contempt for peo-ple. Government in all its vastness can no longer visualize each person out here as an individual caught in his own singular anecdote of a life. It can see us only as numbers on statistical printouts.

As I guided the car masterfully through traffic, headed for my laundry-and-dry-cleaning establishment. I chided myself for be-coming sentimental about the individual in bis struggle against statistical oblivion. I have always been too soft, "Soft-nosed" is what the old bard-nosed, brillian) crowd

Oceania

in Washington called me in the old days. Just recently an obscure jour-nal dismissed me as a tribune of

"soft liberalism." Am I a man or a pillow? This sentimental distaste for being a statistic must be abandoned. I must learn not only to "talk the talk," as street kids say, but also to "walk

the walk." And who was I to sneer at those who say "Public awareness is building"? Perhaps there really was a fresh set of statistics proving con-clusively, at least until the next set of statistics comes in, that public

awareness is indeed building.
Could these statistics, I wondered, be collated in the vast Public Awareness Building? And what in the world did "collated" mean anyhow? How do you collate a statistic? Is it done with a digital collater? How many megaherz does it take? How much RAM, ROM, RUM does the typical collation require?

"Steady, man, steady," I cau-tioned myself as I pulled onto the 2,000-acre Steaming Asphalt Shop-ping Mall. "You're losing it again, you're going irritable, humansoft, soft as a feather mat-

Getting a grip on myself was essential, because any minute now I would have to confront the drycleaner. That meant being ready to walk the walk, for he could be an arrogant devil when my white shirt was not ready on time, as it often wasn't when I needed it for a spe-

cial evening, as I did this day.
I would have to be prepared to give him a good tongue-lashing. make him promise never to fail me again and see him bow with respect for my anger. In short, this was no time for soft nose or soft liberalism.

I must be ready to walk the walk. Stepping from the car, I hraced for the encounter by talking the talk and said, sotto voce, "Public awareness is building," Also, "spiritual fulfillment," "raised consciousness," "dysfunctional," "the counterculture" and "gender-neutral."

The dry-cleaner was all smiles, Your white shirt is ready this time," he said, banding it to me. I accepted it, very unhappily, be-cause I knew it was only anecdotal

New York Times Service

Jimmy Scott, Playing the Numbers Game

By Mike Zwerin

P ARIS — Warning! Although this story has a happy ending, it gets pretty grim along the way. "Jimmy Scott had soul way back when people weren't using the word." Ray Charles said. Scott's clear and caressing countertenor voice has influenced Marvin Gaye, Nancy Wilson, Stevie Wonder and Frankie Valli. Admirers include Bill Cosby and Liza Minnelli, He was born in Cleveland in 1925; at first doctors

thought he was stillborn, tangled in his umbilical cord. He was encouraged to sing by his mother, Justine, a church pianist who died in an automobile accident when he was 13. In the mid-1940s he toured the South and Midwest with the contortionis) Estelle (Caldonia) Young's tent show. He befriended the comedian Redd Foxx and singer Big Maybelle. The boxer Joe Louis arranged for the 22year-old Scott's first New York City engagement, at the Baby Grand in Harlem. He had talent, important friends and luck. He was about to lose the luck for most of his life.

Billed as Little Jimmy Scott (ne never grew tall or loss his falsetto), he recorded a handful of sides with Lionel Hampton in 1948, including his first hit: "Everybody's Somebody's Fool." Quincy Jones, who played trumpet with Hampton, said: "Jimmy had a very emotional soulpenetrating style. He'd put me on my knees, give me goose bumps. Jimmy used to tear my heart apart every night."
During his first (short-lived) solo career in the early

1950s, Scott recorded the standard "The Masquerade Is Over." Mostly he sang about broken hearts, pleading for love with a choirboy voice. A friend said: "His voice acted on women like an aphrodisiac." He was tiny and fragile, like a frail child. "What hugged me." Scott said, "was having cats pick at you because you look young — like you're some kind of woman or something." It is said that prostitutes showered him with silver dollars.
His solo sortie ended, when, according to his record

company bio: "Unpaid for his efforts, a discouraged Scott turned his back on the music husiness." It would not be the last time he got ripped and turned off.

Tight-fisted moguls cast his beautifully expressive voice to sing juvenile rock 'n' roll songs. They buried it under boorish strings. When be complained about one-sided contracts, he was blacklisted as a troublemaker. His high voice and soft looks, the qualities that made him special, brought him hassles offstage. His personal life was a mess. He would vanish for months and then suddenly reappear. He carried a pistol for several years.

In 1962 Scott was signed by Ray Charles to record for his Tangerine Records. He cut one album, "Falling in Love Is Wonderful," with Charles on piano. It was highly touted, but Savoy Records said he was still under contract and threatened to sue. The album was not released. His official bio describes what happened next: "A heartbroken Scott returned to his native Cleveland to live the next 20 years in virtual obscurity."

In Cleveland, he found his estranged father in a bad mood. "Jimmy Scott, come over here," he'd yell to him in some bar. "You ain't muthin'. I still run you, boy." Scott says he never understood wby his father would "buildoze" him like that. Obscurity in Cleveland can be more than just virtual.



"Little" Jimmy Scott: He had the soul, the talent and the luck, but then the luck ran out.

of the town that week. I had my doubts. The French appeared once more to be congratulating themselves on "discovering" an African-American artist rejected by his native country. Was it a show-biz bustle? The bottom line is, of course, his haunting voice, which speaks for itself.

The way he makes a song his own by laying back on both the beat and the lyrics reminds you of Billie Holiday. He has more control over his interpretation than ever, building tension with believability and slow tempi. His new album, "All the Way" (Sire), is a big budget production (arrangements by Johnny Mandel). He's on the road again, respected again. There are rave reviews everywhere.

About aging and all those years of frustration, he says:
"People think of entertainers as living exciting lives with
limes and easy sex and all that. They get it wrong. You're
burnan. You just want some sort of comfort and acceptance. I like to relate to people. I'm from a big family, for me being alone was awful. That really got to me, that lonely thing. I've been on reserve so long. Now maybe I can enjoy life, at least part of it."

Current word of mouth has it that this time around Scott is getting an on-the-level legal deal, if that's not an oxymoron. Anyway he's proving there's hope after life. It can still happen.

We were in his record company's office earlier this year.
He looks his age, 68, but is at the same time — I search for the adjective — huggable. Like a shy boy, I had heard him sing several nights earlier in La Villa club. He was the talk

When he got hurt on the job, nothing serious, it was

reassessment time.

He was "tired of going from chick to chick. I'm a homebody, I need to have that little place of my own." He had recently married his longtime friend, Earline, they were happy, he wanted desperately to preserve their relationship. Earline encouraged him to go back into show business. They moved from Cleveland to East Orange. New Jersey, and be began working the same sort of boozy

joints he worked 30 years earlier.

Jimmy McDonough's long profile in the Village Voice
in 1988 helped pave the way for Scott's comeback. "Night
after night," he wrote. "I'd traipse to Harlem or Newark. and there would be Jimmy, always looking elegant in his black tux, those long hands immaculately manicured. He'd sing every song as if it were his last."

Old friends who had become successful — R&B singer

Ruth Brown, the actor Joe Pesci and the songwriting legend Doc Pomus (who has since died) — encouraged him. The word was spread. People began to pay attention. They asked: "Oh, isn't he the guy who used to be called Little Jimmy Scott?"
The album "All the Way" was released in 1992, when

Scott was 66. "I've always thought that aging is nothing but a numbers game," he said. "It's bow you react to the numbers that makes the difference."

Jimmy Scott: Monday, Rouen, France; June 29, 30, Paris (New Morning); July 1, 2, Vienne, France; July 5, Vienna, July 8, Nice Jazz Festival; July 10, Stockholm.

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Japan Cites 5 Winners For Arts Achievements

The winners of the 199; Pramium Imperiale awards for life une achievement in the arts are; the Erglish actor Sir John Glelgod, the French composer Henri Dutilleur, the American scalptor Richard Serrs, the Chinese parties Zao Weu-Ki, who lives in France, and the Indian architect Charles Correa. Toe awards were announced in New York by Ryuzo Sejima, the chairman of the Japan Art Association. which confers the awards, and David Rockefeller Jr., the event's host. Each winner will receive about \$150,000 and a medal to be presented in the fall by the Japanese imperial family in Tokyo.

Four months after a furor erupted over the decision to pay the radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh S1 million to tout Florida orange juice, stagnant sales and a national boy-cott have put the squeeze on the state's Citrus Commission to fire the outspoken conservative. The com-mission meets next month to consid-er renewal of Limbaugh's contract. The boycon of Florida orange junce

— labeled the "Flush Rush" campaign — was organized by the National Organization for Women.

Peter Gabriel's plans for a 10hour peace concert on the border between Israel and Egypt have been stymied. The British rock star was to perform Saturday with Israeli and Arab musicians and Lou Reed at Taba, but then Egypt barred the concert, citing security reasons. Gabrief's agents say they will try to move it to the Israeli port of Eilat.

. 0. The Italian porn star Hoea (Cicciolina) Staller, facing arrest in New York in a custody battle with her husband, the artist Jeffrey Koons, says she's in Italy living "like a fugitive" with her 18-month-old son. A judge issued an arrest warrant for her after she disappeared with little Ludwig Maximilian Koons.

Call him "Pops": The singer Lio-nel Richie and girlfriend Diane Alexander are the parents of a baby boy, Miles Brockman Richie.

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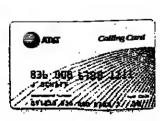
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